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New Year's Wishes

What shall I wish thee?
  Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime.
  Pleasures and mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
  Skies ever clear?
Would this insure thee
  A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
  What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
  All the year 'round?
Where is the treasure,
  Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
  A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
  Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
  Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
  Casting out fear;
These shall ensure thee
  A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
  Rest at His feet,
Smile of His countenance
  Radiant and sweet,
Joy in His presence!
  Christ ever near!
This will ensure thee
  A Happy New Year!

—F. R. H.

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EDITORIAL

KEEPING US POSTED—

The management of the Tennessee Orphanage is keeping us posted regarding the work of that Institution and its needs. Rev. Paul Woolsey is giving us the news of his work just as we wish to have it for the Baptist paper. That is fine Paul. All we have to say is keep the Free Will Baptists of the United States posted as to your work and needs of the Home through the columns of the Baptist and the Gem.

BONDS FOR OUR ORPHANAGE CHAPEL—

According to all reports, Liberty Bonds are being bought by several individuals and church organizations for the purpose of erecting a chapel at the Orphanage at Middlesex sometime in the future, when conditions will permit the construction of the same. This is a fine idea and we hope many more individuals and church organizations will purchase bonds and add to the list. It is a good way to lay in store the means by which the Home will be able to have a good building in which the children and the employees shall be able to hold sacred worship unto the Lord.

MINUTES BEING MAILED OUT—

We are printing and mailing out quite a number of the Minutes of the various church organizations to the different church clerks for distribution among their local members. We advise that the church clerks be on the lookout in their mail for these packages, and if some should receive packages of the same, and other persons have been placed as clerks in their stead since the manuscripts were sent to us for publication, please see that the new clerks get the package of Minutes for their churches.

Since the Minutes of all church organizations are to be sent by us to each church clerk, we are very desirous of the proper ones receiving the same, and that the local church members may secure copies as they are distributed by the local church clerks. Should a church clerk fail, however, to receive his quota of the Minutes for his church, we ask that he notify us about the matter, so that we may check our records to see if the package has not been mailed to him.

THE WILLEYS ALERT—

The Willeys down in Cuba are keeping us posted, too, as to what is being done there in missions in the name of the Free Will Baptist church. And that is fine. It is just what we want, for the people must know the achievements, the needs and the outlook for greater advancement as time passes. Church people will respond to effective work in the name of righteousness when they see workers going forward for the glory of God.

We believe the Willeys can rest assured that the Free Will Baptists here in the homeland will stand by them and give of their means to build a strong mission field in the West Indies. The reports show that greater interest is being built up among the church people over the country for foreign missions. We believe the sum total record for this year 1943 will be considerably larger than ever before when the year shall draw to a close. All churches in every state should make an early start to raise money for missions, education, superannuation and orphanage work. Money should be constantly going into the different treasuries of the denominational work month after month so that all necessities in every phase of the work shall be adequately met. Liberal and cheerful giving to such denominational enterprises should be shared by everyone who can possibly contribute to God's cause.

THE NASHVILLE BIBLE SCHOOL—

Let every loyal Free Will Baptist look forward to great success for the year 1943 for the Nashville Bible School. With fine corps of teachers, and a splendid working plan for the financing of the school, the whole denomination should rally to the support of the Bible School both with their financial means and with their moral support in the way of encouraging young men and women to attend the school for religious training.

We believe the enrollment for the second semester will be increased over the first, and that greater interest will be shown as the year moves on. By the time the fall term shall open in September, there should be dozens of students registered and ready to go to Nashville to enter upon studies in the religious field. The different churches and ministers should begin very early in this year to stimulate interest in their communities among the young boys and girls who will be graduating from high school, and encourage some of them, who are inclined to do religious work and have a desire to enter upon some phase of Christian services for the Lord, and see if they may become interested in attending the Nashville Bible School next fall.

All the churches should begin to look toward the school as a fine start toward training men and women for efficient Christian service for the Free Will Baptist denomination. In view of this fact, they should begin to stimulate interest in raising funds for the support of the school so that it shall be able within a few years to grow into a large educational institution for the glory of God. It can be done, and the church people have the material means with which to make it possible in a limited space of time. God has blessed thousands of Free Will Baptist members all over the

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Delivered at the Christmas Exercises of Bethel Church, Kinston, N. C., By Thos. E. Beaman

To the devout Christian, Christmas is a Holy day, and should be observed as such by the Christian world. The basis for the observance of this day dates back to a great advent over nineteen hundred years ago, as recorded in the gospel of St. Luke, the 2 chapter.

When the annunciation of the birth of the promised Saviour was made by the angel to the shepherds on the Judean Hills, a group of humble Jewish people who believed God, and who had embraced the promises and prophecies of the coming King of kings, it was the signal for a great celebration. These shepherds were told, "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger"—meaning that they must go and seek in order to find. When they had heard the message of the angel they went and found the child, and then on the part of the human side began the celebration that forms the basis for the celebration of the birth of Christ as a Holy Day by the Christian world.

Whatever else might be said about this first celebration of Christmas, it can all be summed up in the following: They heard, believed, obeyed, received, testified, rejoiced, and praised God. On that Day of all days for the shepherds they received the Saviour, and therefore, they had something about which to testify as well as to rejoice and shout and praise God.

In this, the first celebration of Christmas, by this new church, I want you to take a deep look into the whole of the first celebration by the Judean Shepherds, and the manner and methods that may be employed by a believing Christian world, in the observance of this Holy Day such as we can conscientiously believe would be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, and such as we would not be ashamed of on that coming day when we shall stand before that August Judgment seat of Christ.

I want you also to take a look at the way in which the world celebrates this Holy day in sin, drunkenness, worldly amusements, in riotous living and debauchery, and observe the mockery of an unbelieving world, and vow anew never to lend aid by word or deed in the service of the god of mammon in the celebration of Christmas.

As we view the past let us remember that we are now only six months old, and in this period of time, we have witnessed the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst again and again. We have been the instruments in God's hands for the conversion of a large number of precious souls during this period of time. We have seen the ever increasing prayer life of this group and the burning desire for the conversion of the lost. Our people are now going into the "Highways and Hedges" seeking the lost, and have gone into homes and places where no one has ever gone to tell the story of Jesus. We now operate three mission points outside of Kinston, and in these places the Lord is honoring our work. As a group we are united in going forth to sow the "Precious Seed of the Word." Can such a people be wrong?

We have been a misunderstood and persecuted people. The Devil has sown the tares, and there are impressions among even well-meaning people, that all of our efforts are motivated by spite and evil-mindedness. But we who know ourselves best know this is not true, and the God whom we serve knows our hearts and our desires, and He knows that what all of us are doing, is serving our Christ, and following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and we are therefore deaf to everything else. Today, with a clear conscience, we can pray for those "Who despitefully use us, and say all manner of evil against us." "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "For us to live is Christ." Again, we can vie with the apostle Paul who said, "The life I now live, I live it not of myself, but by faith in the Son of God."

We are today truly grateful that our Heavenly Father has not seen fit to take from us any of our members, save one, and I refer to our dear brother, F. C. Sutton, who recently was promoted to glory and who now awaits our coming to join him on the blissful shore. We are truly grateful for the manifold blessings of our God which make for us a happy and merry Christmas, and as we face the New Year we shall trust God for every sustaining grace, and for maximum faith to meet the maximum problems of life as they issue and involve themselves.

OPTIGRAMS

Half-heartedness is unpardonable in religion.

The Bible turns us from sin and sin turns us from the Bible.

The rainbow is one of the most beautiful gestures of God.

Religion roots best in solitude and fruits best in society.

Make no important decisions while under the spell of the blues.

Some go through life like a saw through a log; others like a band of music through the street.

If you sleep during the sermon, the preacher needs waking up.

In an outdoor scene of caressing loveliness the child said: "Does God live here?"

Man shall not live by stocks and bonds and limousines, but by faith, hope and love—life's sunny trinity.

A bit of prayer before coming to church will improve the sermon.

Where two or three are gathered together in the spirit of Apathy, the preacher's animation is extinguished.

The Bible has some good suggestions on How to Manage the Mind During the Minister's Long Prayer.

For some minds Conversion is as standardized as the fittings of a Pullman car.

There is the music of a thousand chimes and the exhilaration of a million mornings in Christ's word: "Be of good cheer?"

—D. H. R.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Some of God's Woes

"Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope" (Isa. 5:18).

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

"Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink" (Isa. 5:21, 22).

"Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin" (Isa. 30:1).

We cannot disobey the commandments of God and not receive the punishments thereof. God blesses the obedient and executes his displeasure upon them who disregard His command.

It Is A Serious Offence To Break A Vow

"When thou makest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou should not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay" (Ecce. 5:4, 5). I have known men to promise if God would heal them that they would live better. They were healed and then in a little while they were back in sin, as deep as ever. I have watched them, and I have known some of them to die crying for mercy. I have known people to vow a tenth of their income to the Lord and His church, and for a while they payed up, then they began to "rob God" and they suffered some serious loss, and sometimes they backslid into serious sin and suffered greatly. So, God warns us against promising Him and not living up to our promise.

Home Missions

There is a great need of HOME MISSIONS at this time, as in the past. Right here in North Carolina there are many places where the people have never heard of the name FREE WILL BAPTIST. Then, there are some churches which, at one time, were prosperous and many souls were being saved, but today the doors are closed—no Sunday School, no prayer meeting, and no pastor. There is a cause. Too many churches have been content with service only in their local church. I have actually seen and known it to be the truth that both preachers and churches would insist on a weak church closing up and going over to their church. Perhaps the preacher wanted a bigger salary, and by getting the weaker church, the best paying members especially, to unite with his church, his salary would increase. When the proper way would have been for both preacher and church to have gone to the rescue of that weaker church and helped to push its borders out into other communities. I have known the latter to be done with good results. Yes, we need A LOT OF HOME MISSION work in NORTH CAROLINA. Then, we need to go further into the NATIONAL HOME MISSION program.

February In North Carolina

Every church, every Ladies Aid, every Sunday School, and individual class, every League and every Missionary society, together with every member of the Free Will Baptist church are requested to make an offering during the MONTH OF FEBRUARY, and this should be made UNTO GOD, for HOME MISSIONS. Send your offerings to Rev. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C. Pray before you make the offering, and ask God to lead by the HOLY SPIRIT in your gift.

The early church "sold their possessions" to carry on a great Home Mission program. Sell some of your possessions if you do not have the ready cash. Get the Spirit of MISSIONS in your heart and see the Church of Jesus Christ "go over the top."

LETTER FROM ARAPAHOE NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

We were well pleased with the moving pictures of our denominational work which were shown by Rev. J. C. Griffin in our church recently.

In my opinion Rev. Griffin's pictures, in his work as Field Secretary, are very essential in promoting the progress of our denominational work. They show many places that most of us cannot visit, or know much about otherwise. They cause us to realize that our churches and work are growing and are taking an important place along with other denominations. The talks that are given by Brother Griffin along with the pictures are interesting and instructive.

I hope the time will soon come when we can have more and better pictures. I believe it would bring about a better understanding among our people, and thereby, would cause greater progress and unity. Any church is fortunate to have Rev. Griffin visit it with his lectures and pictures.

Yours for service,
Mrs. Fannie T. Taylor

NOTICE

Rev. Mrs. H. A. Wheeler, writer of the "Early History of Free Will Baptists" (running in the Baptist) is dating with all Free Will Baptist churches who desire her leadership in evangelistic campaigns. She specializes in music (vocal and harp) religious pastel paintings before the audience, Her sermons, lectures to women, altar appeal and personal work are not surpassed.

Address her

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I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. 48: 17.

OUR CHOICE

Now we've travelled life's journey
Up to nineteen forty-three;
And have we been seeking of the Lord
To know what He'd have us be?

Time is speeding on so swiftly!
And not a moment can we recall;
We're hastening on to judgment
Where we'll get justice, one and all.

Do we realize that in our weakness
'Tis not of us a part—
To order or direct our steps,
If we let His Spirit fill our hearts?

He is ready to take and shield us;
Shall we seek Him while we may
To guide us on life's journey,
And keep us in the narrow way?

Or shall we reject and spurn Him
Until the end so fearful and grim?
Oh let us take thought and receive Him,
For the great gulf between, we cannot swim.

Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson,
Arapahoe, N. C.

THE BALLARD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Following a custom of several years' standing, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard wrote and produced an original Christmas Pageant-Play this past Christmas. The Pageant-Play was given this year in the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, with young people of the church acting the parts. A brief description follows:

The title was "Still O'er the Weary World."

In six scenes the pageant presented the story of the influence of Christ in the life of one of America's young men in service, while a hidden reader and singers brought up the continuity.

Scene One—The hero, as a little child, hears the story of the first Christmas at his mother's knee, the beautiful story of the manger and the shepherds being acted out on the stage as the mother reads.

Scene Two—At the age of twelve the hero is shown as a Sunday School pupil, with a consecrated teacher using the story of the Boy Jesus in the temple to mould his life aright.

Scene Three—The minister of the church seeks and wins the boy to Jesus, using the story of Jesus and Nicodemus.

Scene Four—The call to service comes, and our hero goes forth to serve his country, his father using the Word of God to admonish him to right living while away.

Scene Five—It is Christmas and there is an empty chair at the table in the old home, but a letter cheers the hearts of the mother, father and sister, while the angel song still is heard "above the bable sound" of a weary, waring world.

Scene Six—It is Christmas once again, and the war is over and the soldier comes home to a glad welcome, and to receive from his pastor a new commission as a soldier of the cross.

The following songs were used in connection with the presentation: "It Came Upon the Midnight" (theme song); "Silent Night, Holy Night," "More Like the Master," "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling," "I surrender All," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Joy to the World," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Mrs. L. E. Ballard directed the production, and Mrs. Edgar Raper was in charge of the music accompaniments.

—News report

MORAL LEPROSY

We are taking the above title from a cut prepared by M. E. Poland, M. D.

"There is a healthy nerve cell and a tobacco damaged nerve. Nicotine and alcohol poison is a powerful chemical with which a human being can irritate his nervous system to gratify a hurtful pleasure. By its use a man commits direct assault upon those nerve centers which constitute the physical basic of mind. It cripples the fine sensibilities of the nervous system. Some cells control the will power, reason, some of conscience and some of judgment.

The nerve cell of conscience being weaker is destroyed earlier, so there is no self-respect, will power gone, can't resist much, but will have the vile stuff.

The cannibal likes the soup of a white man but won't touch it if they have used tobacco; the vulture will not touch the body. It is some filth when a buzzard will fly away in disgust."

Listen, God says in 1 Cor. 3:17, if any man defile this temple of God, him shall God destroy. How is it that we let this moral leprosy pass by unrebuked? Your loved one so full of poison that it is hardly safe to use a towel.

Years ago it was considered unmanly to smoke in the company of ladies and would ask if it was offensive; now the vile stuff is puffed into your face and fills the room. A man asked a Dr. to do something for his baby; his reply was, quit smoking where it is. He would not quit, so the baby died. Eggs won't hatch when exposed to tobacco smoke. Some cannot eat a whole meal without a puff of a cigarette; the nerve cells call for it and the brain is almost destroyed. Men dropping dead every day called heart disease (nicotine poison). Fifty percent of Tex. was rejected for service because of tobacco heart. This is the cause of many homes being destroyed. If a leper was to come into your house how you would run away crying, unclean! unclean! You look upon a fallen girl with shame, but a man can do anything and be alright. God says, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, and when we want to teach these truths we are turned down and made fun of. May God help us to cry out: the unclean! the unclean! a moral leper. Yours for a clean life,—Clara R. Pence, 5203 Lee Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Walking with the Lord

Those whom Jesus calls to walk with Him, He would not have them smoking or chewing tobacco, but walk even as He. (John 2:6 and 3:3).

The holy may at all times dine with Christ, but they can not smoke or chew tobacco, or snuff with Him; or indulge in strong drink as a beverage; they may with Beelzebub, but not with Christ. Absalom was beautiful in appearance, but he is a type of Satan.

Dr. Connor, formerly of John Hopkin's Hospital says: "Hundreds of thousands of men who smoke and chew and who believe themselves healthy, are suffering from progressive organic ailments.

The best known habit-forming use of tobacco is nicotine, but most deadly and demoralizing is furfural.

Both are deadly poison, which, when absorbed into the system, slowly but surely affects the nerves, tissues, vital organs and vitality of the body.

If If you feel that you must smoke and chew to quiet your nerves, you are a slave to the tobacco habit, and are slowly poisoning yourself with the insidious deadly drugs, nicotine and furfual.

In either case, you have just two alternatives; keep on with your self-poisoning process regardless of its consequences, or rid yourself of the habit and escape dangers."

I Never Have

I have walked in summer's meadow,
When the sunbeams flashed and broke,
But I have never seen the cattle
Or the sheep or horses smoke.
I have watched the world with wonder
When the grass with dew was wet,
But I never saw a robin
Puffing at a cigarette.
I have fished in many a river,
When the sucker crop was ripe,
But I never saw a catfish
Puffing at a pipe.

Man's the only living creature
That parades this vale of tears
Like a snorting traction-engine,
Puffing smoke from nose and ears.
If Dame Nature had intended man,
When she first invented man,
That he'd smoke, she would have built him
On a widely different plan,
She'd have fixed him with a stove-pipe,
And a damper and a grate,
And he'd have a smoke consumer
That was strictly up-to-date.

—Sel.

"Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"—2 Cor. 7:1.

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A TRUE TESTIMONY

Dear Baptist Readers:

I should like for the world to know the difference between living a Christian life and living a life of sin. It has been six years since the Lord saved me. Up to that time I lived a sinful life, and thought that I was having a good time, but did not.

One night the Lord spoke to me and I was about drunk. He called me another time and I was about drunk. Then He called me the third time, and I had gone to bed. I got up and dressed. He showed me how He cared for me and saved my life three times. One time the train came very near taking my life. The second time a man had planned to kill me, but the Lord prevented him from doing it. The third time a boy was planning to cut me, but the Lord intervened and saved my life.

When the Lord called unto me and I heard His voice, I saw all the whiskey that I had ever drunk. He gave me a chance to change my life. I stayed in a vision or trance for four days and nights, and all I could see was the Devil and my drunken condition. I saw the Devil's angels. It was made plain to me that I would go to be with the Devil if I did not change my life and live for the Lord.

When I had gone through with this awful experience, I promised the Lord that I would live for him the rest of my days. I have been living for the Lord ever since. Six years ago I started my life over, and I have gotten along fine. During this time my wife changed her life and surrendered to the Lord. Since that time both of us have been greatly blessed. We are trusting in Him and are trying to do His will at all times.

Both of us joined the church and have tried to be a blessing to it. We try to do what the Lord wants done. At that time we had one child, and later on she was saved, and all three of us are trying to live for the Lord.

Friends, please take warning to this, and live right, for hell is an awful place to go, for in my vision I have tried it. You cannot go to the shows, drink whiskey, gamble, and take a part with the things of this world, and then talk about everybody who are doing right, then expect to go to heaven. There is only one way and that is the right way to live. Our home has been just like heaven to me since we changed. Church members, please take warning, leave off all the Devil's work and try to help someone to accept the Lord, just as I have found Him precious to my soul. You cannot do wrong and get by with it very long. Let us all work together and pull together for the glory of God.

Many of the people who have helped me are very nice to us since we changed our way of living. May the Lord greatly bless them. God has blessed me in many debts. I owed right much when He saved my soul, and I have been able to pay all of my debts. I have been able to help others, too. A friend helped to start me in business for myself, at the time when I was working six days for only six dollars. The Lord has so wonderfully blessed me since I went into business for myself. I have many real good friends now. I thank the Lord for them. He will help everyone if you will let Him. Surrender your lives to Jesus today and live right. You will receive a wonderful blesing at the hands of the Lord.

I have been going to Sunday School for six years and have made perfect attendance every Sunday. I give credit to the Lord for all this good record.

May the Lord bless everyone who reads this testimony of mine, and may they pray for me and my family.

Your brother in Christ,
James A. Starling,
Pine Level, N. C.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

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J. A. Evans, Superintendent

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TO THOSE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS A HAPPY ONE

It is rather hard to begin to thank you good folk for your kindness shown to us this Christmas. We received many useful gifts. Most of us visited our relatives during the holidays and we were really pleased to get back and find the many gifts waiting for us.

On Tuesday night, December 29th, we were very happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Chester Pelt from Edgemont Sunday School, Durham, N. C., come and deliver the gifts from the Sunday School. We are always glad to have them visit our Institution.

This year, we were also pleased to receive our regular gifts from Mrs. Ada Smith, Vanceboro, N. C. For several years Mrs. Smith has remembered each child in the Institution with a gift and we look forward to receiving her gifts each year.

During the past summer, we admitted four children from Pamlico County into the Home and this year, Mt. Zion Church, their home church, also remembered each of us with gifts.

We extend our many thanks to each giver and we feel sure that all givers will be blessed richly. Please come and visit your Institution more frequently.

With kindest regards to the Free Will Baptist people.

Iona West

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TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Route 9, Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Friend:

Although this year will go down in History as one of the darkest ever known to the children of men, God has wonderfully blessed the Home. The work has grown in all of its phases. We sustained a great loss in the going away of Bro. and Sister Stanley, but they have kept in close touch with both the work here at the Orphanage and at the Church. They have contributed liberally to both during the months that have passed since they left. Our entire family has increased by thirty percent, our live stock have been more than doubled in value, several hundred dollars' worth of equipment has been purchased in the past year. Of course, the expense account has of necessity been made larger but you have made it possible for us to pay our bills and start the new year in a better shape than last year.

There are several things that should be done this year. In time of war there is always a let down in morals and an increase in crime. Innocent and helpless children always bear the blunt of consequences . . . (manuscript blotted out) results of these conditions. Also the war is daily making widows and orphans, may we be ready for our part of this work.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your church for your generosity during the past year. It is quite the usual thing to hear one of the children asking God's blessings on those who have made the Home possible and who are helping to support it. Our receipts were good this month. Quite a few of the Churches sent a special Christmas offering and most sent an increased amount.

The children were overjoyed with the gifts sent by their friends all over the denomination. Boxes were received from Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Alabama, Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Each of the children send their thanks and best wishes for a happy and successful new year. May God bless each of you with the blessings you stand most in need of throughout the year and future life.

Looking over the books I find that there has been a let down in receipts immediately following Christmas. However, I am assured that the contrary will be true this year. I believe that God has greater things in store for us this year than ever before. May we not fail Him. We are ready to go just as fast as God impress you good people to respond to our needs. You have been most liberal in the past and I believe as your people see what we are trying to do that you can enlist more and more to help you in this great work. I have heard from a few places in response to my offer to make a visit to churches in different localities to explain and tell about our work. I can still visit a few other places during the winter if you get in touch with me at once. Again thanking you for all your kindness, I remain,

Yours in the Service of the Master,

Paul Woolsey, Supt.

DONATIONS TO MISSISSIPPI ORPHANAGE FUND

We are happy to send in the names of additional contributors to the Orphanage Fund, and to thank each of them in the name of Christ for their interest in this worthwhile undertaking. We trust that every member we have in the State of Mississippi will awake to the cry of those that have "no place to lay their head" that they can be taken care of in a Christian way. We are visiting the orphans in their affliction when we give to Christ in the name of an Orphanage. We invite Christians everywhere to send us a contribution for this our greatest undertaking.

From Priceville Church, Tupelo, Miss.

J. T. Alexander & wife	$15.00
Earl Alexander	10.00
Mrs. Aulvern Roberts	10.00
G. M. Shirley	1.00
Glenn Alexander	1.00

From Damascus Church, DeKalb, Miss.

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Mrs. E. M. Pace	5.00
Mattie May Harbour	5.00
Walter Allday	5.00
J. C. Gibson	5.00
Mrs. Chester Harbour	10.00
Sid Johnson	65.00
M. C. Johnson	10.00
C. C. McKee	10.00
Mrs.A. A. Griffin	3.00
Mrs. Letha Neal	1.00
Freewill offering	2.00

From Lee's Chapel, Laurel, Miss.

George Simth	$ 5.00
Sherman Holifield	5.00

From East Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Miss.

Hubert Post	$12.00
Mrs. E. R. West	1.00
Myrtle Duncan	1.00
Freewill offering	4.24

L. E. Duncan, Secy.

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YOUNG MAN LICENSED TO PREACH

The First Free Will Baptist church of Columbia, Tennessee, met on December the sixth at 2:30 in the afternoon, and licensed a fine young man, Rev. Wallace Paul, to preach the gospel. He is only 28 years old, and the son of Rev. Walter Paul.

This young man seems to be filled with the power of Almighty God to preach the gospel, and wants to do God's will. I want everyone who knows the Lord to join with me in offering prayer for him that he may be of great service in the Lord's kingdom work. May he be able to do great things in God's vineyard.

Written by Mrs. Fred Rich,

Columbia, Tenn.

LETTER FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

Since I subscribed to the Baptist paper and have been reading it, I feel that I am stronger in the Lord tonight than I have ever been before. I am desirous for everyone who reads this letter to pray for me that I may grow stronger in faith and that the Lord will be nearer me than ever before.

It is so hurtful to see how unconcerned the young class of boys and girls are during these dark and critical days of war. I feel that it is time for all of us to pray as we have never prayed before. I feel that is the only way for us to win this war. Through prayer, I know is the best and quickest and surest way for Victory.

If we will study John 14: 13, 14 and 18, and also Psalms 1: 9, we will be convinced that the Lord has supreme power over everything in the world. These words should convince anyone of God's unlimited power. I do believe that through prayer, this war will soon be brought to a close. But without prayer from the hearts of God's people, it is going to be a hard and bloody struggle before victory shall come.

I wish everyone could realize just what a great change would be made if we would only surrender our all to the One who suffered, bled and died on Calvary's cross that through faith we might be saved. Let us give it a thorough consideration, and ask ourselves this question: Which had I rather have, everlasting joy or eternal damnation? It is something serious to think about.

May I request once more the prayers of all Christian people that they remember me in their prayers. I hope this little letter will be of some service to someone along life's rough and rugged road. May God richly bless everyone, and His mercies abide with us all now and forevermore.

Yours sincerely,
Pvt. Carlton F. Heath, Jr.,
37th Supply Squadron,
10 Mile Station,
Charleston, S. C.

P. S.—I shall be very glad to receive letters and cards from anyone who cares to write. It does help so much to hear from friends and loved ones. I wish everyone knew how much it does help us to receive messages from others to pass the day's taks by more pleasantly.—C. F. H.

THE PERFORMING DOG

By Giralda Forbes

I watched a small performing dog,
A little frightened pup,
That missed a hoop, and whimpered when
His master took him up.

And that sidelight revealed how near
Our pleasure is to pain—
The little dog was beaten so
He could not miss again.

But if we did not find it fun
To see dumb creatures do
The silly things that surely God
Did not intend them to,

They would not have to toil in fear
Their daily bread to win,
For showmen do not teach dogs tricks
That bring no money in.

—Our Dumb Animals

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

JOHNSON UNION LADIES AID REPORT

Due to Christmas Day falling on Friday, we held only three meetings on Friday afternoons in the month of December. We read for our lessons at the first two meetings the 20th and the 21st chapters of St. John's Gospel. On December 18, we had a Christmas Program with various members taking part. This meeting closed the monthly report as follows:

Members on roll	19
Average Attendance	11
Collections	$3.36
Sent to Rev. W. R. Glover	$2.00
Birthday dues paid in	$1.50
Total in the treasury	$14.78
Chapters read in the Bible	59
Sick visits made	34
Trays given to the sick	1
Milk given to the needy (qts.)	44
Butter given to needy (lbs.)	5

Mrs. Almond Warrick,
Secretary

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MT. TABOR AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Mt. Tabor held its regular meeting at Mrs. I. W. Furlough's home. It was opened by the members present singing a hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayers were offered by Mrs. D. H. and Mrs. Alton Furlough. The roll was called and nine members answered to their names. There were three visitors present.

As this was the time to elect officers for the coming year, the following were elected: President, Mrs. D. H. Furlough; secretary, Mrs. L. E. Furlough; treasurer, Mrs. Alton Furlough; first vice-president, Mrs. L. W. Davenport; second vice-president, Mrs. Alton Furlough; third vice-president, Mrs. I. W. Furlough; fourth vice-president, Mrs. C. J. Hair; fifth vice-president, B. H. Phelps; sixth vice-president, I. F. Ambrose.

The Annual Report

Chapters read in the Bible	1320
Visits to the sick	419
Trays taken to the sick	53
Milk given to the sick (qts.)	54
Flowers taken to the sick	8
Money raised by dues	$18.00
Money raised by Birth dues	$2.75
Money raised in other ways	$32.10
Total money now in treasury	$50.80
Members on roll	13
Monthly meetings held	12

Disbursements

Paid for cards and posters	$7.30
Paid for broom for the church	.50
Paid convention dues	2.00
Value of box sent to the Orphanage	3.00

Our society meets regularly in the homes of the members of the society. Although we are few in number, we are hoping and praying that we shall be able to move forward in the work of building up God's kingdom.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough, President,
Mrs. L. E. Furlough, Secretary

P. S.—Our pastor for the coming year is Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina. We think he is a very fine man. After each service we feel that we are filled in a spiritual way. We also have prayer meetings on Sunday nights, and Sunday School each Sunday morning. Our Superintendent is D. H. Furlough. We are getting along very nicely, but there is room for more improvement. We are praying that the Lord may bless us in our church work.—Mrs. L. E. F.

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Sound Side Church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Cora Armstrong on Thursday after the first Sunday in December, 1942. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the members joined in the singing that familiar old hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Following the song, we were led in prayer by Mrs. Nancy Sawyer.

The scripture lesson was read from the third chapter of Mark's Gospel by Miss Almeta Armstrong. A poem entitled "Patsy and Peggy" was read by Mrs. Mary Morris. Another poem was read by Mrs. J. R. Swain. The title of this poem was "Be True."

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with nine members present, and all answered with Bible verses. One visitor was also present. The dues collected amounted to one dollar, for brooms, 50 cents, for furniture polish, $1.25. We paid out for poster, six cents; for the Orphanage child's Christmas present, $1.75; for Superannuation, $1.00. The total amount pai dout was $1.81.

Aid Activities

Sick visits made	43
Cards sent to the sick	5
Flowers taken to the sick	3
Trays taken to the sick	2

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Miss Almeta Armstrong; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Sawyer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Callie Swain; Sick Committee, Mesdames Annie Etheridge, Thelma Hollis; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary Morris; second vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Swain; third vice-president, Mrs. E. B. Armstrong; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Joe Brickhouse; fifth vice-president, Mrs. R. R. Swain.

At the close of the meeting the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison by the members present. Then, the hostess served a delicious sweet course.

Almeta Armstrong, President,
Mrs. R. R. Swain, Secretary

Annual Report of Ladies Aid of Sound Side Church

Members on roll	18
Average number of members present for the year	12

Number of meetings held	11
Money collected from dues	$14.55
Special collections	13.60
Amount raised from sale of furniture polish	6.40
Amount raised from sale of brooms	3.50
Birthday money raised	3.85
Total for the year	$41.90

Disbursements

Paid to orphan child	$31.75
For fruit and cards	1.32
For postage	.25
Paid to the convention	2.00
Paid to missions and superannuation	2.00

Activities for the Year

Sick cards sent	10
Sick visits made	259
Trays taken to the sick	27
Flowers taken to the sick	25

Mrs. Callie Swain, Secretary

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
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Missions in the Bible (J. B. Lawrence)	$ .25
Helping Others to Become Christians (Roland Leavel)	$ .35
Missionary Lessons from the Bible (Aulck)	$ .35
Stewardship Parables of Jesus (Roswell C. Long)	$ .50
Studies in Christian Stewardship	$ .30
How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

EDITORIAL

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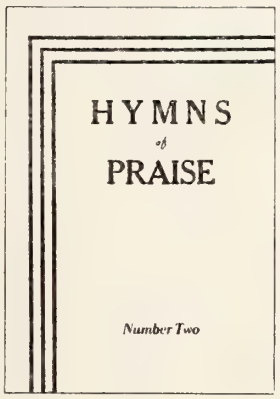
nation and He is expecting them to turn some of their money to His services in this way. Adequate training for the work of the gospel ministry is vitally essential for every denomination and for every local church organization, if the best results are to be achieved in the name of Christ and for the glory of God.

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9: 23.

O for a strong and lasting faith,
To credit what the Almighty saith;
To embrace the message of his Son,
And call the joys of heaven my own.

Lor, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 11: 24.

SONG BOOKS



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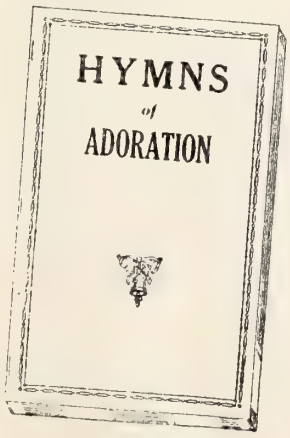

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JESUS WINNING SOULS

(Lesson for January 17)

Lesson: John 4:27-42. Read John 4:1-42.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal" (John 4:36).

The hired reaper receives wages for his labor. He reaps the grain and saves it for his employer, and they are happy together. With respect to the great fields of human souls, Jesus is the sower, but His servants who go out to witness for Him and declare His word may be thought of as the reapers who bring in the harvest of precious souls to the Lord. The Lord and the servant then rejoice together.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

He that reapeth (gathers in lost souls) **receiveth wages . . . gathereth fruit unto life eternal,** verse 36a. Note this wonderful promise. Think what Christ gives unto all who labor faithfully in his kingdom—eternal life. That is the greatest pay in the world for the greatest work done on earth. Yes, they shall gather fruit unto eternal life. The gospel preacher, the untiring missionary, the Sunday School worker, the faithful lay-leader of the church, the Christian mother in the home—all who hold fast to the faith and render unselfish and loyal service in God's kingdom work shall be rewarded in that great day. Yes, Christ taught his disciples that day the great truth of immediate Christian service and the future reward for work well done.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The Sunday School teacher who led D. L. Moody to Christ will have an abundant Heavenly reward, and the one who won ten-year-old David Moffat lived to see him open Africa for Christ.

II Lesson Illustrations

Rescue the Perishing

In the other years, blind Fanny Crosby, the writer of many of our fine hymns, stood speaking to a large gathering of the so-called "down-and-outs" in one of the great missions in New York City. As she closed her earnest message, she said "I am wondering if there isn't some mother's boy here to-night, far from home and lonely, who will now step forward and let me place a kiss of tenderness and love on his cheek for mother?" There was silence! Then a young man with unkempt hair, ragged clothes, and many evidences of a sinful, dissipated life, stepped forward. As the blind hymn writer kissed his cheek, she said, "We ought to rescue the perishing!" She went home that night, and before sleeping, she wrote the beautiful words,

"Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the Mighty to save!"

And this verse indicates the duty and privilege of every child of God: "Tell them of Jesus, the Mighty to save!"

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Before returning to Heaven, He said, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Hence, our primary business is to sound forth the Gospel message of salvation for, "It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).—Selected.

Tract Work and Love for Souls

"Uncle John Vassar, that indefatigable personal worker who was better known during an earlier generation, on one occasion was going from house to house distributing tracts and speaking with people about Christ. An Irish woman of the city heard of this strange man who was entering houses without an introduction, and was determined she would have none of it. The next day he rang her door bell. When she recognized him she slammed the door in his face. Nothing daunted, he went and sat down on the curb in front of her house and sang this passionate stanza:

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do."

A short time later this poor woman sought admission to the membership of a local church. As she made her confession to the elders, she could only say between her sobs: 'Twas those drops of grief. They burned themselves into my heart."
—George L. Rulison.

Journeying to Death

"Riding to church on a street car one Sunday morning, was attracted to a middle-aged woman sitting opposite me. Noticing the distress depicted on her face, I handed her a tract entitled 'Why Are You Troubled?'

"During the next few minutes of the ride to the terminal God seemed to be insistently promoting me to speak to this sad-faced woman. When we both left the car at the terminal I followed her; and finding a secluded place, I drew from her this story:

" 'Without home, friends, or money, in desperation I decided to commit suicide. I was on my way to the city to do this, when you handed me this tract.'

"With no further urging this discouraged, desperate woman then and there willingly accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Friend. I took her to a nearby Bible school where other workers spoke to her and were assured that she had indeed passed from death into life and had become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Given a Bible, she was taken to a home. When I last saw her she was still rejoicing in her Saviour . . ." (The personal experience of Miss E. S.)

III Home Work

1. To what service is every Christian believer called? (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:32).

2. How many times, and to whom, did Paul relate the experience of his conversion? (Acts 22:6-16; 26:12-19).

3. How much personal work entered into the conversion of the following: the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40); the Apostle Paul (9:17-19); Lydia (16:13, 14); the Philippian jailer (16:25-34)?

4. What kind of people does the Lord Jesus seek to save? (Lu. 19:10; Mat. 1:21; 1 Tim. 1:15).

5. What is the effect of a revelation of Christ to the human soul? (John 4:29, 39; Job 42:5, 6).

6. In what two places were women the first converts? (John 4:29; Acts 16:13, 14).

7. Who led a great revival in Samaria later? (Acts 8:5-8).

8. What kind of church grew up in Philippi subsequently? (Phil. 1:1-7; 1:29; 4:10-19).

9. How may the harvesting of grain be compared to personal soul-winning? (John 4:35; Ps. 126:6).

10. How will the Lord deal with faithful laborers? (John 4:36; Lu. 19:11-27; Jer. 31:16).

11. Study the lesson in our quarterlies prayerfully.

UNION MEETING

The Union of the Second District of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1942. The devotions were conducted by Rev. C. H. Denton. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Ennis. The following ministers were present: Elders M. A. Woodard, C. H. Denton, W. B. Nobles, W. A. Dail, W. G. Ennis, D. W. Alexander, J. C. Moye, L. R. Ennis, L. E. Ballard, M. Joyner, R. B. Spencer, J. E. Wooten, Levi Humbles, J. A. Evans from the Orphanage, Sister Lizzie McAdams of the National Association.

The union was presided over by the moderator, Elder D. W. Alexander. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. W. B. Nobles and Sister McAdams made a very good talk on the subject of Temperance. Sister McAdams also made a splendid report of her work in general. The song service was conducted by Rev. L. R. Ennis. The union sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Alexander. He used as his text Acts 10:38. His subject was "Christ an Example." An offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $27.41. We then were dismissed for dinner until 1:15 P. M.

The union was re-assembled and Rev. W. A. Dail conducted the devotions. Prayer was offered by Sister McAdams. Rev. J. E. Wooten made a report relative to the Arthur Church. The report was accepted and the committee was dismissed. Rev. J. A. Evans made a most gratifying report of the work at the Orphanage. The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Money sent in from all sources ---------- $112.41

Disbursements

Paid to Clerk	$ 5.00
To Missions	3.33
To the Orphanage	85.58
To Needy Ministers' Fund	18.50
Total	$112.41

The following were appointed by motion as a committee to study the situation regarding the Union Meeting funds, and to make a report at the next union, and if possible embrace a wider distribution of our funds, J. C. Moye, E. C. Hines, and J. E. Wooten.

A standing vote of thanks was given this church and community for the generous hospitality shown this union meeting. There being no further business the union adjourned to meet with King's Cross Roads Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1943.

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Moderator,

E. C. Hines,
Clerk

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12: 9.

WE THANK THEE LORD

We thank Thee Lord for this glad day,
That fills with Xmas cheer;
For all our boys who lived and died
For this great land so dear.

We thank Thee most of all, dear Lord,
For Jesus Christ, Thy Son;
The greatest Gift of all mankind—
He is still the only ONE.

His presence lingers fresh anew,
On land and over sea;
That everyone, both great and small
Who love Him shall go free.

We thank Thee for the boys and girls,
He loved on earth so dear;
And as we bow in humble thanks,
Our hearts ring out with cheer.

We'll sing of Thee this Xmas day,
With joy we can't explain;
For Thou hast brought us safe thus far
Through every grief and pain.

And while we all at home rejoice
This blessed Xmas day;
Our hearts are moved to pray for those
In ware so very far away.

Dear God, for those who do not know,
A Father's love this day;
We pray that Thou would bring to them
Good cheer we humbly pray.

And Father, help us, too, this day,
To share Thy love divine;
That we may bring to some sad heart
What Thou hast brought to mine.

By Ralph Cannady

(N. B.—This poem came too late for the Christmas issue of the Baptist paper.—Editor.)

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 26.

Boys and Girls Corner

EVA GOES TO A NEW YEAR PARTY

Twelve-year-old Eva Dentler looked frowningly at the cream-colored dress her mother was pressing so carefully.

"Must I wear that old dress again to Bertha Spagler's New Year Party?" asked Eva, puckering up her lips.

"Yes, dear," answered her mother. "I had hoped so very much to be able to get you a new dress for the holidays anyway; but you know I have had less sewing to do this winter than ever and things are higher, so I've tried to brighten up this old dress. It's real good yet, Eva, even if it was first made three years ago out of your grandmother's dress. You see, I could fix it to be in the latest style again, and that is something."

"I wish grandmother hadn't had so many good things," grumbled Eva, "and then maybe I would get some new things. I've just a good notion not to go to the party, but I want to see that rich Mrs. Pretzel, who is visiting Bertha's aunt. They say she is such a grand dresser."

"But you've never been to a New Year's party before," protested her mother, "and your dress will look quite pretty. At least it fits you, and I have tried to make it look as nice as I could, and some of the girls' dresses don't do that."

Eva knew her mother spoke the truth, for even she was aware that Leon Craig's new pencil blue silk dress did not fit her nicely, although Madame LeSinge had made it. And she had heard Opal Staley's mother that very morning fussing about the dress she had got for her daughter from Chicago because it did not hang right.

That night Eva's mother dressed her little daughter with greater care than usual; and when at last the little girl looked at herself in the mirror, she had to admit her dress fitted nicely. "But, oh, if I could only have another colored dress for once, or something else!" she sighed.

Most of the guests had already gathered at Bertha's house when Eva arrived; but seeing many familiar faces, Eva was not afraid, and by and by Mrs. Spagler came to her and began to talk.

"Why, there is Eva Dentler with that old dress of her grandmother's on again!" laughed Opal, and overhearing the remark, tears came into Eva's eyes.

"Come here, Mrs. Pretzel, I want you to meet the sweetest little girl," called Mrs. Spagler, hoping that Eva had not heard the unkind remark.

"Why, my dear!" smiled Mrs. Pretzel and put her hand in Eva's while the other girls looked on enviously.

Eva tried to keep back the tears, but at the kindly smile she began to cry.

"Why, my dear little girl, why are you crying so?" asked Mrs. Pretzel, and without waiting to be urged more Eva told about the dress and the unkind remarks she had overheard.

Mrs. Pretzel took the little girl on her knee, seeming not to care if she crushed her smart, smoothly pressed gown. "Why," she began, "do you know I am ever so glad you wore that dress and—and I met you, for you see I have decided to stay here all the rest of the winter and spring and I have ever so many clothes to be made, and I just can't stand Madam LeSinge's sewing. Why, your dress is just a darling and is made the very nicest of any gown here. Do you think your mother would sew for me?"

"Oh, yes, I know she would!" exclaimed Eva, "for she hasn't much to do, and now I'm ever so glad I came to the party and wore this dress. It will be a real New Year all year now if you will help us."

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Pretzel, thinking of the many pretty things she would get for this little girl who was brave enough to help her mother in this way.—Lena C. Ahlers, in The Christian Advocate.

"LOOK UP"

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (Jon. 3: 14).

Because of their disobedience to God, the children of Israel, while being led by Moses in the wilderness, were made to suffer. God sent His fiery serpents into their camps, and they were bitten, and even many of the people died. The people asked Moses to pray that God might take the serpents away, for they knew that they had sinned against the Lord.

God told Moses to make a fiery serpent, and to set it upon a pole, or a high place so that all might behold the serpent as they looked up. Then, God said that even those who were bitten had only to look upon this serpent for them to be healed and to live. So, Moses made and set up the serpent, which was of brass, and as the people beheld it they were made to live.

This serpent of brass was made as a representation of the Son of God, for we find that God's Word says in Revelation that when the Son of man comes back to this earth, His feet shall be like unto fine brass. God's Son has been lifted up, for He gave His life on Calvary to redeem you and me from sin. On the third day He arose and was lifted up to His Father who gave Him to die for us. We have only to look up to Him and be healed of our sins, as the children of Israel looked upon the serpent of brass, when they were bitten in the wilderness.

It does not matter how small or poor we are, or of how little importance we seem here in this world, for God has said: "Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow." For our disobedience to God, we are bitten by sin, as those children of Israel were bitten by the serpents. But we can look up to the Son of God, and through trust and faith we can be healed and live. And to live through faith in Christ Jesus, means to live and never die, but to live on and on through eternity with our blessed Lord.

God says for us to keep His commandments and live. He says, "The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon our heads; and they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

If we are bitten by sin today, now is the appointed time to look up to God, for "Behold the Lord's hand is never shortened that he cannot save, neither his ear heavy that he cannot hear, but your iniquities have separated between you and your God. But be of good cheer, for God says, I have overcome the world."

Look up today, and be healed and live.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

MEDITATION

While travelling along on the pathway of life
By trouble and sorrow oppressed;
How cheering the thought 'midst the toil and strife
Of the promise of eternal rest.

The promise that's given to each child of God,
From the world, wise and prudent concealed;
The sufferings of this life can never compare
With the glory that shall be revealed.

Then, when the trials are over,
Through faith in his blood we shall rise;
When we meet our dear Saviour and friends
In mansions prepared in the skies.

With Christ as our strength and our shield,
The sorrows of earth did never compare;
With the glory which shall be revealed
In that great day so fair.

By Eunice Everette

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Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Isa. 26: 3.

From pole to pole let others roam,
And search in vain for bliss;
My soul is satisfied at home,
The Lord my portion is.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. 26: 4.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away. Hos. 14: 4.

How lost was my condition,
Till Jesus made me whole;
There is but one Physician
Can cure a sin-sick soul..

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Hos. 14: 1.

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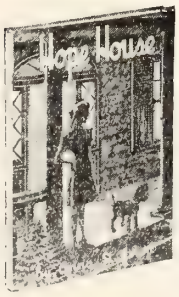

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

By Vernon Howard

"In the year of our Lord—"
Can this be His year—
This time of the sword,
Of suffering, and fear?

"Love . . . shall grow cold."
"False prophets shall rise."
Sin multifold
Shall blind men's eyes.

Can this be His year?
Yes, all these point toward
The time ever near
Of the day of our Lord.

BITS OF HUMOR

Little Martha had gone to church, and on her return home her mother asked her how she liked the singing.

"I liked it very much, although the people all said it was bad," she replied.

"All the people said it was bad? What do you mean, dear?"

"Oh, it was so bad that when they were praying, I heard them say, 'Lord, have mercy upon us miserable singers.' "—Ex.

The teacher had recited "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Then she requested each pupil to draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock. Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand. "Well, Willie, what is it?" asked the teacher. "Please, ma'am, do you want us to draw a hen or a rooster?"

Schoolmaster: "Johnny, if the earth's axis is an imaginary line, could you hang clothes on it?"

Johnny: "Yes, sir, you could."

Schoolmaster: "Is that so? And what sort of clothes?"

Johnny: "Imaginary clothes, sir."

LITTLE SINS

The following was told in the address of a converted Burman to a group of natives:

A little banyan seed said to a palm tree, "I am weary of being tossed about by the wind; let me stay a while among your leaves."

"Oh, yes," said the palm tree, "stay as long as you like," and by and by forgot the little seed was there. But the seed was not idle. It sent out little fibers and tiny roots, and they crept around the trunk and under the bark and into the heart of the tree itself. Then the tree cried out, "What is this?"

The banyan said, "It is only the little seed you allowed to rest among your leaves."

"Leave me now," said the palm tree. "You have grown too large and strong."

"'I cannot leave you now; we have grown together. I will kill you if I tear myself away."

The palm tree bowed its head and tried to shake the banyan off but could not, and little by little the palm tree withered, the trunk shriveled, and only the banyan could be found.

Beware of little sins!—The Pilot.

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A Prayer for the New Year

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise,
Some little things to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for me.

I want some other soul to bring
To Thee, my Saviour and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For Thou canst all my wants supply.

In Jesus' name our prayer we raise,
Whose guiding hand has blessed our days.
And may we, Lord, in godly fear
Serve Thee through all this coming year.

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—S. S. Times

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A rich woman once said to a poor widow who was sick, "I shall order the charity organization to come and help you." But the widow spoke up, "Thank you, ma'am, but although I am poor, I cannot take charity." "But," said the rich woman, "you have just told me that your neighbors help you." "Yes, but that is not charity. They are friends. They care."—New Century Leader.

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MANUSCRIPTS FOR 1943

The church people should be posted, during the year 1943, concerning the worthwhile things the churches are doing. In order for them to be able to know the progress of the most alert and progressive churches, both in the cities and in the rural districts, the pastors and church leaders should make plans to submit reports of their accomplishments through the columns of the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Missouri, and the Baptist paper at Ayden, North Carolina. With both of these church papers circulating widely over the whole denomination operating in the different states, a large number of the church people who read them would become informed as to the progress that is being made in many of the churches for the year. Both editors are glad to get the church news, and the campaign drives for certain church projects that many progressive churches will set forth, so that they can give place in the two papers for the benefit of the subscribers.

It would be a fine idea for many of the churches to have some competent and interested member elected as Church Reporter. This person could write up the news, from time to time, of the new movements and accomplishments of the church, and then mail the manuscripts to the church papers for publication. As a matter of fact, such news will serve as means of interest and stimulus for some of the less active churches to awake and resolve to take new steps for improvement of their church work and their usefulness in the community. Most people like to get new and progressive ideas on matters which suggest forward steps on church work. There is always opportunity for advancement in most any church, whether it be in the country or in the city. Better services, better teaching facilities in the Sunday Schools, better church accommodations for the congregations, and the like, are needed in many churches today. The putting forth proper efforts, time and means will bring about good results in many churches for the future welfare of the church people.

In view of these considerations, it would be of advantage if more reports of church progress were given to the papers for publication. We hope more reports from church organizations will be given to the editors this year for publication than were submitted last year for the church people to read and become informed regarding the progressive things other churches were doing. Moreover, an informed church people become more interested and alert about church movements, because they can see more readily the growing need of advancing the cause of righteousness, than do people who know very little regarding the needs and the work of the religious field. It is obvious also that the church paper becomes more interesting and of more value to the subscribers when it can be filled with worthwhile things which the churches are doing in the denomination. Let us have, therefore, for publication the church news which will make interesting reading for the subscribers. By so-doing, you will be rendering a great favor to the papers and also to the readers of the church papers.

WHAT ABOUT THE LEAGUES?

How are the church people to know what the Young People's Leagues are accomplishing? How are leaguers in one state to know something of the progress being made in the other states? What do the editors of the church papers know about the advancement of the league work among the young people of the Free Will Baptist church? The answer is obvious: "very little."

What is the trouble, then? Are the leagues still active, as ever, or are they failing to report something of their accomplishments? We don't know. But we do know fewer manuscripts are being submitted of their work, and what they are striving to do for the glory of God. We are vitally interested in keeping the League Page in the Baptist paper alive with league news, but we cannot do it unless the young leaguers submit to us reports of their doings.

Many active leagues in the state of North Carolina, that used to send in fine reports of their work, have been neglecting here of late to tell us what they are doing for the cause of righteousness. Certainly, the church people as a whole are interested in seeing the reports of the league work placed in the church papers. We believe the league organization should do something about it.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. C. W. Owens was honored on his 82 birthday which came on December 20, 1942. The occasion took place at his home near Fountain, North Carolina, by the family, relatives and friends.

Among the guests were Mrs. C. W. Owens, Mrs. Rebecca Galloway, Mrs. Fannie Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Everette, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bell, Mr. J. G. Owens and family, Mrs. Stanley Warren and family, Mr. Carl Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Roney Lee Owens and family, Miss Irene Bell, Miss Marjorie Everette, Mrs. Jim Wainwright, Mrs. Sim Weisner and son, Jerry, Mrs. Roy Eason, Mrs. Bennie Bell and daughter, Jaundine, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gay and daughter, Betty Anne, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Everette and son, Donald Taylor, Mrs. Jonas Skinner, Mrs. Minnie Owens, Rev. P. C. Wiggs, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis and son.

Dinner was served to all present. The gifts were presented by Rev. P. C. Wiggs who was assisted by Miss Irene Bell.

All enjoyed the occasion in a splendid way, and hoped that Mr. Owens would have many more birthdays.

Mrs. Roy Eason

A Happy New Year

By Mrs. W. E. Richardson,
3300 Shore Drive,
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Friends:

May I take this opportunity to write concerning a bright and happy New Year. Now, if we will just pause for a few moments and open our earthly treasures, we may all get the same vision. Friends, let us think how amazing we have one treasure here on earth which we can share among each other. It is a treasure that all Christians prize beyond measure, and that is God's Holy Word.

Now let us turn to John 15: 1, and we will find these words: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." And in John 15: 5, we read, "I am the true vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Then, again, we read in John 15: 9, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." Now, in John 14: 27, we read, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Isn't it wonderful to know how we may face the coming of a New Year with such an awful time of war, and yet we should not be afraid. I think the most wonderful thing which we have on this earth is God's Word. Think how He can speak to the hearts of every one, and how His divine love never changes. Christ says that He is the vine, and that we are the branches. What a wonderful thing it is to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour.

When we get a real taste of the good old Free Will Baptist salvation, we can feel his presence in our midst. His branches must spread out and love one another. Christ is our Rock and our Foundation. After we have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, then we can feel the vine of His true love abiding in us. And when we are forgiven of our sins, Christ is still there to help us. Christ is the true running vine which spreads out with several branches upon which you and I may cling together with Him.

We are represented as the branches, therefore, we must cling together. Christ tells us, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth." What a wonderful consolation we find in those words. To know that Christ has peace that no one here can give to us is simply wonderful, for it must come from the Holy Spirit. Yes, that great peace will come to those who keep the doors of their hearts open. They must keep also their ears open to hear His voice say, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In verse 18 of the 14th chapter of John's Gospel we read, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come unto you."

Friends, this is a great promise, for He can give us a peace that money cannot buy. These are times in which we feel as those whom we love are far away from God. Although we see them very often, and try as we may to lead them to do the right thing, there is nothing we can do, unless the Lord Jesus Christ comes into our midst, and that to bless our efforts. It is Christ who makes all things possible. He does the work and offers that great peace to all mankind.

There is never an hour or minute in the day that we can do without Him, for we are all weak creatures. We need to pray all through the day to the One who gave His all for our redemption. Let us ask ourselves this question: Who are we without the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour? We are nothing, nothing but clay. How many do remember that blessed old hymn entitled, "Take Time to Be Holy"? And still another one by the title, "Have Thine Own Way Lord." In this last one we find these words, "Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Make me and mold me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still." Sometimes we find a few people who cannot be still. They are in a great hurry to go no place of importance to them or any one else. They are just restless. When they go to God's house of prayer, they are twisting and turning. When services are over, they hurry out of church. Others are willing to sit still and rejoice in serving the Lord.

When we see people who are restless in church, let us ask Christ to speak to their hearts. Christ says He is the vine. After all we should be very anxious as Christians to add to our branches as many new converts as possible to the Free Will Baptist church for the glory of God. Let us make a New Year's Resolution that Christ may have His own way in our lives, and that we will take time to be holy.

In conclusion, may we have a word to say about our little church in Norfolk, Virginia. We had a wonderful Christmas, and the Christmas tree entertainment was splendid and enjoyed by all present. There were two big boxes made up of books, games and all the Free Will Baptist papers we could find, and fifty-five bags of goodies were taken over to one camp. Brother Richardson, our pastor, and Brother Kennedy, our superintendent of the Sunday School, took them over to our boys. Some of the boys are responding by attending Sunday School and services in our Free Will Baptist church. We extend a hearty welcome to everyone to come and attend services with us.

I am asking your prayers for everyone, and again wishing everyone a happy New Year.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"All that I am, all that I have, all that I know, all that I can do is a trust from God to be used for my highest good, for the glory of God and for the advancement of his kingdom."—Dr. W. K. Greene.

FEET WASHING A CHURCH ORDINANCE

By J. L. Gillin

If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13: 14.

I. The Brethren of the Church Believes That Feet Washing Is a Church Ordinance

1. Because, Christ himself washed the feet of his disciples. John 13: 4-11. He is our example. 1 Peter 2: 21.

2. Because, since the disciples did not understand, at the time, the purpose of it as performed by Christ, it was not done by him merely to cleanse the feet. John 13: 7, 12, 13.

3. Because, Jesus argued that, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." verse 14.

4. Because, he argues that, "The servant is not greater than his Lord: neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him." Verse 10.

5. Because, Jesus said, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." Verse 15.

6. Because, Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Verse 17.

7. Because, Jesus said in the Great Commission to his disciples, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28: 19. Did he not command them to wash feet?

8. Because, Paul makes the washing of the saints' feet a condition necessary for a widow to fulfill before she could be received into the number of the widows who were supported by the church. I Timothy 5: 10. If it had not been a church ordinance, why should he have limited the condition to the washing of the feet of the saints?

9. Because, the Lord attached a penalty in Peter's case, if he refused to have his feet washed. John 13: 8. If we refuse to obey Jesus in this matter can we expect to escape our Lord's censure?

10. Because, Jesus likened those who heard his sayings and obeyed them to wise men, and those who heard them and did not heed them to foolish men. Matthew 7: 24-29.

11. Because, we have the evidence of church history that it was practiced in the early church. A distorted vestige of it remains today in the practice of the Pope of Rome washing the feet on Maunday Thursday of twelve old beggars of Rome.

12. Because, Christian people today need the lessons which this ordinance teaches, as much as did the disciples of Christ's time:(1) Humility. (2) Loving service of our fellow men. (3) Frequent cleansing spiritually.

II. Objections to Feet Washing as a Church Ordinance

1. "It is an ancient custom which has no application to the conditions of our time, when men do not wear sandals."

Reply. (1) This was commanded only to the disciples, while the ancient custom would have been enjoined upon all the people, irrespective of whether they were Christians or not. (2) Peter did not understand its significance, as he would have done, had it been the ancient custom with which he was familiar. (3) Christ could not have said that they did not understand what he was doing, had it been an ancient custom merely. John 13: 7.

2. "No one washed feet there except the Twelve, therefore it was not intended to be kept perpetually."

Reply. The same objection applies to the Supper and the Communion.

3. "The Apostles do not command it after the day of Pentecost."

Reply (1) Neither do they command the Lord's Supper and Communion, and many other things that we should do. (2) Paul speaks of it as a church rite in his day. I Timothy 5: 10. He assumed that it existed without any discussion.

4. "It was performed by Christ in a private house, and therefore was not a church rite."

Reply. So was the Communion. If you throw away the Feet Washing, why observe the Communion? No other rite was commanded so plainly, and with so many variations of command as was the rite of Feet Washing.

III. Some Pertinent Questions

1. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Are you trying to do the will of God as expressed in the plain words of Jesus in John 13?

2. What answer will you make to your Lord, for not obeying him whom you have promised to love and obey.

3. What right have you to refuse to obey part of his commandments?

4. Why not obey this plain commandment of Jesus? Can you give one good reason?

—Selected by J. C. Harris

WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS?

In R. Moffatt Gautrey's book entitled, **The Glory of Going On,** he gives this incident: "Not many months ago in an Oxfordshire village, an old saint lay dying. For over eighty years she had been on pilgrimage to Zion, until her face had grown bright with heaven's approaching glory. An Anglo-Catholic priest, under the misapprehension that none of his parishioners could find access to the celestial city unless he unlocked the gate, called to visit her. 'Madam,' he said, 'I have come to grant you absolution.' And she, in her simplicity, not knowing what the word meant, inquired, 'What is that?' 'I have come to forgive your sins,' was the reply. 'May I look at your hand?' she answered. Gazing for a moment at the hand of the priest, she said, 'Sir, you are an imposter.' 'Imposter!' the scandalized cleric protested. 'Yes, sir, an imposter. **The man who forgives my sins has a nail print in His palm.'** "—Indian Christian.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Ashamed of the Gospel

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ" (Rom. 1:16). In the days of the apostle Paul there were those who were ashamed to own that they were believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was a Jew, in His fleshly relationship to the human family. The Jews were a hated people. Christ was hated as a Jew by the people who hated the Jews, and then He was hated by the Jews, because He condemned their hypocrisy, and proclaimed Himself to be the Son of God. Therefore, Christ and His Gospel was despised and many of those who really believed Him to be the Christ, were ashamed to confess it before the enemies of Christ. But not Paul. He could proclaim from the heights, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." There are those today who are ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. But the day will come when they would like to be a REAL OLD-FASHIONED HOLY GHOST CHRISTIAN.

A Prayer, by Daisy Law Hoh

"Dear Loving Father, as we sit here in the midst of beauty and plenty, enjoying Thy Peace and Harmony, my heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude and thanksgiving, for thy boundless blessings and mercy. I cannot understand why Thou shouldst have singled me out to receive all these wonderful gifts, while millions of our fellowmen are starving, dying and going through trials worse than death. Open our eyes, dear God, that we may see the purpose of Thy calling and deepen the sense of our gratitude, so that we may be willing to lay our best and highest upon Thy altar of Love, in service to the suffering humanity. Dear Father, may the love that has been in our hearts these days become mighty rivers, overflowing to the four corners of the world, taking with it the power of healing, comfort and nourishment for bodies and souls.

Dear Lord, Thou knowest how sincerely we desire for Peace. Wilt Thou not forgive us our sins, individual, as well as national, and teach us the lessons which Thou wantest us to learn, and make us worthy of this gift of Peace. Descend upon the hearts of all the leaders of destruction this day, and grant them a glimpse of the love in Thy eyes, so that they may repent and follow Thee. In the name of the Christ who loves all mankind. Amen."—Clear Horizons.

Hard Road to Travel

While the President in his message to Congress, and the nation, pictured an assurance of "victory" he also assured us that the "road to victory was a hard one." The wisest and most experienced in national and international conditions are sounding the same alarm, each saying, "The Road Is Hard" in substance, if not exactly in words. It is foolish to live and flit about like a butterfly or live like a grasshopper, and say, "It will soon be over." For the day is long, and the road is rugged and knotty, and the sea is rough, and the mountains are steep; but if we who claim to be Christians will repent of the sin of selfishness, covetousness and worldly pleasure and call upon God, no day can be too long; no road too rugged; no sea too rough; nor any mountain too steep for the child of God. The Christ who said, "Go ye" also said, "Lo, I am with you unto the end of the world." May the leaders of this government of ours find that "God can lead to success, and will when the mind of man is yielded to God.

Fifth Sunday Meetings

Union and Quarterly meetings are held pretty well wherever Free Will Baptist churches are found. These meetings should be meetings of special interest, rather than just a meeting place to gather and sing and pray a little and EAT BIG PICNIC DINNERS. I have often said, and I have gotten by with it, "That a goodly number of folk just attend where these picnic dinners are spread to get filled up with good eats." Only the guilty can get mad at the assertion. But rather than to go for a good time, to meet old friends and eat, we ought to make it one of the greatest days for the GLORY OF GOD. There ought to be more old fashion Gospel preaching. More devotions and real honest prayer. The fellowship of these meetings should get us closer to God and closer to each other. Lost souls ought to be led to Christ. Big (real honest) offerings should be carried to further the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the world. A three cent postage stamp will carry a two, or three dollar donation to the meeting. Why drive twenty-five miles to carry two dollars or less? Why drive any distance to carry a pitiful little offering? I would be happy to hear a proclamation come from the host church, saying, "On Saturday there will be no refreshments served, or dinner spread, at our church when the Union convenes, for we are going to give the amount of the delicious dinner to missions, the spreading of the Gospel of Christ for this one time and see how it works." Brethren, I am pretty sure that a large number would stay home. But the fast would do us good, providing that we would accept it in the NAME OF JESUS. I am sure that those who did attend knowing that no food would be served would be the happy recipients of a gracious outpouring of the HOLY GHOST.

Let us remember that the Fifth Sunday in January is just a few days away now and the time for making our offerings to these meetings is at hand. As February is designated as **Home Mission Month** we are praying that every Union meeting and Sunday School Convention in North Carolina will make special offerings for Home Missions. No Foreign Mission Program can do efficient work without a Home Mission Spirit back of it. A strong home work will make a strong foreign work. The two must go together. If not, then our Missionary program is "lop-sided" and cannot succeed in reaching its goal.

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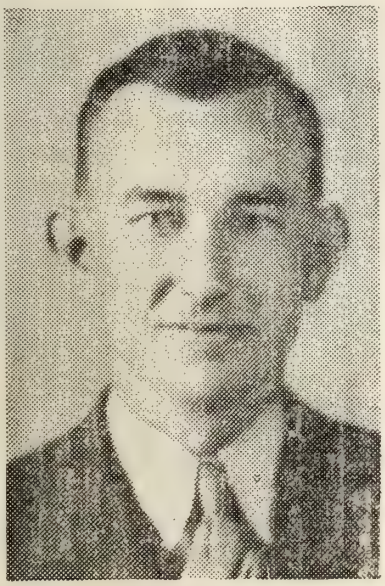
ENTWISTLE CHURCH GOES ON FULL TIME

Rockingham, N. C.

Dear Baptist Readers:

We are rejoicing as we write this article for publication in the Baptist paper because the Lord has blessed our church in a wonderful way.



Rev. Carter

The Reverend Walter Carter has been serving as pastor of this church for the past five years. During that time he served the church and did outside work until November, 1942, at which time the church met in conference, and asked Brother Carter to give up his outside work, and to devote all of his time to the church work.

He consented to do this and the church has raised his salary sufficiently to support him and his family. The results are that we have found the full-time pastorate of our church has caused the increase in attendance and interest both in the Sunday School and at the worship-service hour.

Reverend Carter is a good pastor and evangelist. With his untiring and devoted service, we expect to make this year one of the best in the history of our church.

Rev. L. C. Harrelson, Reporter

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TAKE TIME TO DO GOOD

They said, "The Master is coming to honor the town today;
And none can tell at what house or home the Master will choose to stay."
And I thought, while my heart beat wildly, "What if He should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain and honor the Guest Divine?"

And straight I turned to toiling to make my home more neat.
I swept and polished and garnished, and decked it with blossoms sweet;
I was troubled for fear the Master would come ere my task was done,
So I hastened and worked the faster, and watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties, a woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her sorrows and my comfort and aid to implore.
But I said, "I can't stop or listen, or help you any today;
I have greater things to attend to!" and the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another—a cripple, thin and pale and gray,
And said, "Let me stop and rest a while in your goodly house, I pray!
I have traveled far since morning. I am hungry faint and weak;
My heart is full of misery, and comfort and help I seek."

But I said, "I am grieved and sorry, but I cannot keep you today;
I look for a great and noble Guest!" So the cripple went away.
But the day wore onward swiftly, and my task was nearly done.
Yet a prayer was ever in my heart that to me the Master would come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him and serve with utmost care;
When a little child stood by me, with a face so sweet and fair;
Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops and its clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding, and its little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry, you are surely in need of care,
But I cannot stop to give it; you must hasten elsewhere."

At the words a shadow swept over his blue-veined brow,
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear, I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended, my task was over and done;
My house was swept and garnished, and I watched in the dusk alone.
Watched—but no footfall sounded, no one came to my gate,
No one entered my cottage door; I could only pray and wait.

I waited til night had deepened, but the Master had not come.
"He has entered some other door," I cried, "to gladden some other home,
My labor has been for nothing"—I bowed my head and wept;
My heart was sore with longing, but in spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, and His face was grave and fair;
"Three times today I came to your door, and craved your pity and care.
Three times you sent me onward, unhelped and uncomforted.
The blessing you might have had was lost, and your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me! How could I know it was thou?"
My very soul was ashamed, and sank in the depths of regret and woe.
And He said, "The sin is pardoned, but the blessing is lost to thee;
For comforting not the least of mine, thou hast failed to comfort me."

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

(Receipts for month of December)

Young People's League of Tulsa Church	$ 10.00
Kanawa Quarterly Meeting of West Virginia	8.25
French Broad Association of North Carolina	21.00
Martin F. W. B. Union of Georgia	4.75
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	37.82
Wolverine Association of Michigan	100.00
Missouri State Association	154.45
Bridgeton Ladies Aid of North Carolina	3.00
Glennville and Ebenezer churches of Georgia	9.50
Geo. Webster, Washington North Carolina	15.00
Claude E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, N. C.	2.00
State of North Carolina	105.01
Mt. Vernon church of Illinois	2.00
Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Florida	25.00
Bright Light and Evergreen churches of Texas	12.93
South Georgia Union Meeting	5.80
Pleasant Mound church of Texas	5.50
Rev. and Mrs. Linton Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee	10.00
National Treasurer, F. S. Vanhoose from Allocation Funds	189.31
Total	$721.32

Winford Davis, Treas.

ADVICE TO THE BOYS

By A. R. Flowers,
Sims, N. C.

Boys, try to be sure you are right and then go ahead; accept God's word as a rule and guide of faith and practice; and Jesus Christ as your Saviour and your elder brother. Then, you will come out in the final finish in this life with a triumphal entry into the joys of the Lord. Give others a square deal, though you may not have as much, but you will feel better in days to come. Treat people with true courtesy, for it costs you nothing, and it will be the best investment you ever made.

If you expect to grow in knowledge and power, you will have to study; for no human intellect can grow unless it is properly used. Go with young women who are cultured, modest and discreet. Shun men who are vile and unscrupulous, for you had better be by yourself than to be associated with evil minded persons. Reverence God, read His word and attend religious services, and support Christian institutions.

Remember that you can settle all your bills promptly to the cent, and then be as dishonest as a ragamuffin in your forbearance and deeds of kindness that you owe to others. Spurn profanity and refrain from filthy conversations; it will destroy your reputation. Cherish clean thoughts and live them out to others; don't be a snob, a crank, a bigot nor a hypocrit. Do as good as you know, which is a great compliment to any of us, from the smallest to the greatest; and then learn all the good things you can as you go along.

LETTER FROM KING'S MOUNTAIN

North Carolina

Dear Brethren:

About a year ago, I bought a home and located in King's Mountain, North Carolina. I thought that I would be at a disadvantage relative to church work with established F. W. B. churches. But I was happily surprised, for I discovered that the Beaver Creek Association had plenty of churches within my reach, and an open door for my services. In fact, I soon had my hands full.

I was soon called to Washington Street Church, West Gastonia, and this one church with fifty members is giving me a salary sufficient to live on, and I am thoroughly working this field. We held about three months' Bible School here for ministers and church leaders, teaching elementary homiletics, Bible, English and psychology. Several preachers and church leaders passed the examinations. The Beaver Creek Association raised its educational standards for ministers, and we tried to help all who were interested in having a greater ministry.

There are two Free Will Baptist churches in Gastonia, and Rev. L. D. Gray has a good church on Rhine Street in East Gastonia. A few miles over to North Belmont, we have a progressive church, Goshen Grove. This church also has a full-time pastor, Rev. L. M. Pierce. I do hope that all of our churches everywhere will get a greater vision for service and take preachers off of the secular jobs, and put them in the church field to build up the work for the glory of God.

There are several churches in this association that are progressive and prosperous, but I have not had as yet the time to visit them. It has as fine a Sunday School convention as I have ever attended.

I did not get opportunity to attend the State Association last year, and I certainly did miss meeting my brother preachers in the East.

May God bless the Baptist family, and unite us as one body by His love, and the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus.

Your brother,
Sherman H. Oakes,
North Piedmont Ave.,
King's Mountain, N. C.

LOOKING FORWARD

Dear Co-Worker:

The year which came to us twelve months ago, all fresh and young, is gone. Many changes came to us—disappointments, heartaches and perhaps other misfortunes, amid which we received innumerable blessings from the hand of God.

The Old Year says to this New Year: "Take this man or woman and show them greater things than I have been able to show them." The New Year says to the Old Year: "I

will take them and do for them the best possible." So New Year's Day came; nothing could hold it back. We are facing it with—new possibilities and new prospects.

We should realize that we live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not in mere breathing. There are three successive levels of a worthy life: the first is to make the most of one's self; the second is higher, which is to do good unto others, and the third is higher and better still. It is immortal, and pertains to our spiritual relationship to God, for God is the Living Creator of the universe and is clearly entitled to our undivided service.

The chief end of man is to glorify God, in which there is great power and gratification when we acknowledge our debt to Him, realizing that "He made man for His own glory."

No man has fully come to himself until he apprehends this great truth.

We shall need the staff of Faith to lean upon during this New Year, for rest assured that God never loses His hold on those of us who believe in Him and trust Him. The secret of success of our Christian life depends largely in a patient continuance in well doing. To keep working and trusting even when we see no visible results is worthy of any child of God. May we then "Hold fast to the profession of our faith in Him through our Lord Jesus Christ, and be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

I am sure you realize that we have a great Church, with unlimited possibilities. Let us strive to keep it great by making its possibilities a living reality.

May I hope to see you at church next Sunday morning and Sunday evening? Do not disappoint me. God will bless you and strengthen you each time you attend divine worship.

Sincerely,

Your Pastor,

W. B. Everett

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JOE ELDRIDGE

Near Cottondale, Florida,
In a quiet little place
Lives a sainted Christian
Filled with God's grace.

His name is Joe Eldridge
By many he is known
He has brough them blessings
By visiting in their homes.

He has kept his faith,
He has fought a good fight
By carrying God's word
And teaching us to do right.
He has a fine companion,
A good Christian wife,
Together they have feasted
On the bread of life.

He has carried the gospel
To many throughout the land,
And his reward will be
A mansion not made with hands.

He fights sin and Satan,
And the Bible is his gun;
Some day God will say,
"Well done, Joe, well done."

Brother Eldridge, you are one of us,
You have worked hard and strove,
And brought many blessings
To us at old Howard's Grove.

We at Howard's Grove owe you a lot,
More than we can ever pay,
But we know that in Heaven
You have treasures laid away.

He has prayed for you and me,
And our friends everywhere;
He has told us of a Heaven to gain
And a hell to shun.

He said, "Boys live right!
And keep out of sin,
Joe Eldridge will be in that number
When the saints go marching in."

He knows God has blessed him,
He does not ask for more;
I hope that when I get to Heaven,
Joe Eldridge will live next door.

He loves the old fashioned songs,
He gets joy out of "Amazing Grace;"
I hope the angels will sing it for him,
When he meets God face to face.

When God calls, Joe will be ready,
And in our hearts will be pain;
But we know that our loss
Will be his, and Heaven's gain.

Joe Eldridge has a clean record,
It shines like a beacon light;
It has been washed in Jesus' blood
And now it is snowy white.

Today Joe Eldridge is happy,
We see Heaven shining in his face;
He is waiting for the time
To be held in God's embrace.

Brother Eldridge, you have lived a good life,
Your job has been well done;
You have brought me many blessings
And I thank you for everyone.

Joe Eldridge stands for God
And all that is divine;
It is an honor for me to hear him say,
"Loyd Jones is a brother of mine."

Brother Eldridge, if you beat me to Heaven,
That happy home so fair;
Wait for me at the gate,
Pretty soon I'll meet you there.

—Written by Private first class Loyd Jones of Fort Riley, Kansas, and Cottonwood, Ala., and dedicated to Rev. Joe Eldridge of Cottondale, Florida.

WATCH NIGHT

World shaking events have marked 1942. Surely thoughtful Christians will desire to spend the closing hours of the year in company with other believers and in humiliation and supplication before God. "Since the Fetter Lane Watch Night Service called by John Wesley and George Whitefield two hundred years ago, which inaugurated the Great Awakening," writes Dr. Ernest M. Wadsworth, Director of The Great Commission Prayer League, "there never has been a greater necessity for Christian union in prayer than right now. Your radio and newspaper and your Bible tell you how important is God's help against the mighty. Are your sons, daughters, brothers, husband, or father in this conflict? Then you have added urgency in responding to the Call for concerted intercession. Let us not be prayerless in this hour of peril." There is added reason for the observance this year, as the President included New Year's Day in his official call for prayer.—S. S. Times.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

SWEET GUM GROVE LADIES AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Society of Sweet Gum Grove Church held its regular meeting Wednesday evening following the first Sunday in January with Mrs. Jasper Stanley. In the absence of the president, due to sickness, Mrs. Linwood Briley called the meeting to order. The two songs "Blessed Assurance" and "Go by the Way of the Cross" were sung after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated, led by Mrs. Eliza Whichard. Mrs. Stanley read for our lesson the third chapter of second Timothy. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the following activities of the past month were reported: 117 Bible verses read, 21 visits to the sick, 1 floral tribute and 5 vases of flowers, 2 trays, 24 qts. milk, 2 lbs. butter, 1 pt. cream and $11.50 value of commodities given, also the society gave $5.00 in cash to a friend. Collections were $3.15 in dues, $1.95 from sales of cards, and $1.05 for missions. The following vice-presidents gave reports: First—Mrs. Heber Briley; Second — Mrs. Roy Worthington; Third—Mrs. Jasper Stanley; Fourth —Mrs. Dennis Alexander; Fifth—Mrs. Billy Brown; and Sixth—Mrs. Eva Staton.

The subject for the evening being missions the program was turned over to the third vice-president. Readings from the 11th and 12th chapters of Daniel and a very interesting talk on Africa and some nearby islands were enjoyed. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Stanley to meet next month with Mrs. John Whichard.

Mrs. Arthur Barnhill, President,
Mrs. John Whichard, Secy.-Treas.

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GUMNECK AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Gumneck Church wishes to make its annual report for the year just closing, 1942.

Amount collected for the year	$66.06
Amount paid out during year	66.06
Paid for lamp fixtures	6.94
For adopted boy's clothing	30.35
To charity fund	8.91
To foreign missions	8.43
To Superannuation	8.43
Christmas gift to orphan boy	3.00
Flowers given to the sick	14
Trays taken to the sick	121
Sick visits made	360
Bible chapters read	1100
We have in the treasury for the Church Building Fund	$232.26
Number of members on roll	31
Active members	26
New members	1

We feel that our work needs prayer from God's people to help us, and to keep us going on in the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Mrs. T. W. Sawyer,
President,
Mrs. F. C. Everton,
Cor.-Secretary

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Ladies Auxiliary which will be held at Saratoga Church on January 31, 1943. (Eastern War Time to be used.)

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions led by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
—Welcome address by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
—Response by Mrs. A. L. Summerlin
—Special music by the local church
11:25—Song by the congregation
—Offering for the Orphanage
11:30—Sermon by Rev. L. B. Manning
—Appointment of committees
12:10—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Mrs. Maggie Proctor
1:45—Talk by Rev. W. L. Hart, his topic to be chosen by himself
2:10—Business period
—Program to be rendered by Spring Branch Ladies Aid and Sunday School
3:30—Adjournment

By the Committee:
Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Chair.,
Mrs. J. S. Jones,
Mrs. W. J. Eason

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RAINES CROSS ROADS AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of our church desires to make the following quarterly report:

Activities

Sick visits made	74
Trays taken to the sick	33
Bible chapters read	250
Baskets of flowers given	21
Milk given (gals.)	43

Financial Statement

Money brought forward, Sept. 1942	$18.00
Amount raised by dues	11.80
Amount raised for Orphanage	11.46
Amount on flavoring	13.50
Amount on brooms	28.30
Amount for Superannuation	3.60
Amount for foreign missions	4.25
Amount for home missions	4.00
Amount on Program Books	3.00
Amount for flowers	.98
Amount on birthdays	.89
Total raised	$99.78

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$15.00
For brooms	22.68
For Program Books	3.00
For Superannuation	4.60
For foreign missions	5.00
For home missions	6.00
For book and chart	.90
Flowers for the sick	.75

For floral designs ---------- 3.00

Total ----------$60.93
Balance in the treasury ------$38.83
Mrs. Bertha Evans, Secretary

PROVE YOUR LOVE FOR HIM

"Wherefore do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto Me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Why spend for harmful things to put in the body, for gaudy things to put on the body when millions are perishing for the Bread of Life, and we may have the joy of supplying? I found misery in extravagance on self; I find joy in living plainly, healthfully, economically, and that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward: "To do good and to communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Bible). Please Him, prove Him. Great good can be done by showing kindly, prayerfully, tactful interest in others, then leaving with them good printed truths to carry the message home. In the family it can prove a great blessing. Interesting, it lives there to speak well and often, while the giver is kindly remembered. Without the personal, kindly interest of the giver, the cold print can not so appeal. One tract given with prayer and personal appeal may accomplish much more good than many merely thrown around. Saturate the doing with prayer, "praying always." Let me make good use of good books, papers, and tracts.

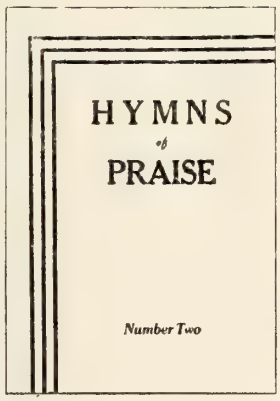
—Selected.

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions ------$ .35
(Chas. A. Cook)
Stewardship in the Life of Women ----------$ .50
(Helen Wallace)
The Larger Stewardship ------$ .35
(Chas. A. Cook)
He That Giveth ----------$ .60
(John E. Simpson)
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations -----$ .50
(Frankie Oliver)
Women and the Church --------$ .60
(Louise Novotny)
Talks on Soul Winning --------$ .25
(E. Y. Mullins)
The Plan of Salvation ---------$ .40
(Austin Crouch)
The Open Gate to Prayer ------$ .25
(Mabel N. Thurston)
This World's Goods ----------$ .60
(John E. Simpson)
Missions in the Bible ----------$ .25
(J. B. Lawrence)
Helping Others to Become Christians ----------$ .35
(Roland Leavel)
Missionary Lessons from the Bible ----------$ .35
(Aulck)
Stewardship Parables of Jesus -$ .50
(Roswell C. Long)
Studies in Christian Stewardship -$ .30
How to Pray ----------$ .20
(R. A. Torey)

SONG BOOKS



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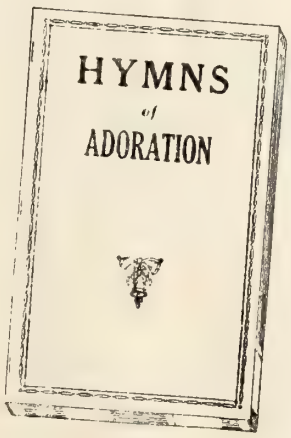

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JESUS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

(Lesson for January 24)

Lesson: John 5:2-17. Read John 5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Wilt thou be made whole"? (John 5:6).

Upon first thought, this question seems to us to be strange, coming as it does from the Master's lips. But Christ had a purpose in asking this man if he desired to be well again. We believe the reason was threefold; namely, (1) Christ desired to express his own pity and concern for the cripple; (2) to see if he would have faith in his power to heal him; (3) to teach him the value of God's mercy. Remember, Jesus is willing to heal us but we are first to be willing to be healed. (Read Matt. 8: 1-3.) It was not for want of **a good will,** but of a **good friend** that the poor man lay there unhealed.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Helping When Help Is Needed

Not long ago passengers in a Pulman were disturbed by two fretful children. The poor mother failed to quiet them, and was in dismay as unsympathetic travelers glared at her. At length a venerable man somewhat hard of hearing, took in the situation. Taking the children, one at a time, in his arms, he walked up and down in the car, crooning an ancient lullaby until both were fast asleep. The venerable man was the senior bishop of the Episcopal church. It must be admitted that the bishop's song was something altogether new in music, but the children felt in it the touch of a tender, caressing heart, and yielded to the conquest of love. Where is it written in the canons of the church that the duty of a senior bishop shall be to put cross children to sleep? But who shall say that he was not true to the spirit of his office? **"I am among you as he that serveth."**—Moody Monthly.

II. Lesson High Points

The Impotent Man

He is the central figure in this incident. He was impotent, which means that he was **helpless.** He could not help himself, let alone others. It is a picture of the inability of the sinner to help himself. A man may have wonderful natural talents, but be hindered in exercising them because he is rendered helpless by sin.

This man was also **friendless.** There were others at Bethesda who had helpers to take them to the pool at the right time, but this man had no one. Quite likely his utter helplessness drove them all away. It is not hard to have friends as long as one has money and is able to do something for others, but let the tables be turned and see what will happen. Remember the prodigal. When he was in need he was left all alone. It took a citizen of the far country to have pity on him and give to him, a Jew, the degrading job of herding the swine.

This man was also utterly **hopeless.** The language is not quite clear, but it seems that he had been ill for thirty-eight years. We do not know how long he had been at the pool, but it must have been a long while. That is why his answer to Jesus sounds so hopeless. He had come with a desire to be healed; he had been there a long time; but he was no nearer being cured than when he first came.

"O to have no hope in Jesus!
No Friend, no help in Jesus!
O to have no hope in Jesus,
How dark this world must be!"
No cure is complete unless the soul

is cured of the **disease** of **sin.** Man's work for alleviation of suffering is futile unless he remembers the health of the soul is of the utmost importance. Social gospels fail because they cannot change the heart of man, hence his last state is **worse** than the first. The **heart** must first be cleansed, regenerated (Jer. 17:9), and **only** Christ can do this (1 Jn. 1:7).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Where Heaven Is

"Pastor," a member once said to his minister, "that was a good sermon you preached on heaven yesterday; but you did not tell us where heaven is." "Ah," said the minister, "I am glad of the chance to tell you now. Yonder, on that hill-top, a member of our church lies in bed ill in fever, and her two children lie ill in the other bed: there is not a bit of coal, nor a stick of wood, nor flour, nor sugar, nor bread in the house. If you will buy five shillings worth of these, and say to her, 'Sister I have brought these in our Saviour's name,' and then, with your Bible in your hand, will kneel down and pray,—if you do not find heaven before you are through, I will pay the bill." Next day the brother said, "Pastor, I have seen heaven, and I have been fifteen minutes in it."—**The Dawn.**

These Jews had no time to give in helping the impotent man into the pool for healing. They were too good, too important, in their own opinion, to assist this helpless man. Notice, however, that they were not too big to find fault with one who could, and did, help him. Jesus makes men **helpers,** the devil produces **fault finders.**

IV. Home Work

1. What two pools were made places of blessing by the presence of Jesus? (John 5:2-9; 9:7-11).

2. What two different multitudes surrounded the impotent man of Bethesda? (John 5:3, 10-13).

3. What great need exists in every human life? (Rom. 3:23; Ps. 51:5).

4. What particular effect of sin is illustrated in the case of the impotent man? (John 5:7; Ps. 40:12).

5. Do you like stories about angels? Select at least two from the following Scriptures and discuss them at home, or in the S. S. Class. (1 Kings 19:1-7; Acts 12:7-10; 2

Kings 19:35; Numbers 22:22-35; Daniel 6:18-24).

6. Our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies have the helps you need on this lesson. A well-prepared lesson makes the class period a time of blessing.

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union will convene with the church at Shady Grove, January 30, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional by Rev. M. E. Godwin
10:30—Enrollment and reading of church letters
11:10—Report of disabled ministers
11:20—Intermission
11:30—Sermon by Clarence Biggs
12:30—Ordination of Johnnie Vernelson
12:40—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotional by Gidons Stevens
1:50—Sunday School report
2:00—Petition for next Union Meeting
2:10—Educational report
2:20—Special music by Shady Grove Church
22:40—Report of Mission Board
2:50—Program Committee
2:55—Treasurer's report
3:20—Miscellaneous
3:30—Closing remarks by Rev. C. H. Coats

Committee,
Mrs. Herman Wooten,
R. H. Jackson

PROGRAM

Albemarle Union Meeting will be held with the Free Union Church in Beaufort County, January the 30th, 1943. (E. W. T.)

Saturday Morning

11:00—Devotional exercises by R. P. Harris
11:15—Remarks by Moderator
11:20—General business session
12:20—Congregational singing
12:30—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales
1:00—Lunch
2:00—Song service by congregation
2:15—Continuation of business
3:00—Special singing to be conducted by R. P. Harris
3:10—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment
Benediction

Saturday Night

7:30—Business period
—Leagues, conducted by Mrs. Hardison of the Free union Church

Sunday School Convention

11:00—Devotions led by M. L. Radcliff
11:10—Remarks by Moderator
11:15—General business session
12:00—Singing by congregation
12:15—Sermon by J. A. Evans in his own way
1:00—Lunch
2:15—Song service
2:30—Business continued
3:15—Adjournment
Benediction

By Committee

DISGUISES

A man, who had murdered a girl in New York City, fled to Illinois where by an operation he had his face so altered that he did not at all resemble his former self. However, sin was still rooted in his heart and before long he was arrested for stealing an automobile. While taking his finger-prints, a patrolman was led to compare them with those of the murderer, for whom a country-wide search was bieng made, and found the two sets of finger-prints to be identical. **Though the devil may go about as an angel of light, there are always ways in which he will betray himself to the alert child of God.** "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God" (1 John 4: 1-3).—The Bible Today.

HIMSELF HE COULD NOT SAVE?

A minister was boarding at a certain farmhouse. The farmer was not a Christian, but his wife had been praying for him for some time, and the minister was awaiting his opportunity to make plain to him the meaning of the sacrifice of Calvary. Early one morning, the farmer beckoned to the minister to follow him out to the chicken house. There on one of the nests sat a hen with a brood of chickens peeping out from under her wings.

"Touch her, Mr.____," the farmer said.

As the minister put his hand on the hen, he found that she was cold.

"Look at that wound in her head," the farmer continued. "A weasel has sucked all the blood from her body, and she never once moved for fear the little beast would get her chickens."

"Oh, ____," said he, "that was just like Christ. He endured all that suffering on the cross. He could have moved and saved His own life, but He wouldn't, because you and I were under His wings. **If He had moved, we would have been lost."** — Indian Christian.

—Moody Monthly

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Boys and Girls Corner

THE HEAVENLY HOME

It was the last time that Jesus and His disciples were to eat together before He was to go home to heaven.

He had told them over and over again that He was to be put to death and buried, and that He would rise again.

But they could not believe Him. He was born "King of the Jews," and they could not understand what kind of king He was to be. They thought He would have a throne on earth, and that they would all be great men under the King.

But He knew that the time had come for Him to die, and He knew how they would feel when He was taken away from them, and when He had taught them to eat and drink in memory of Him, so that they would never forget Him, and the way He had taught them to prepare for heaven, He told them of His home in heaven, and that He was going on before to prepare it for them.

He knew that in a few hours He would suffer a terrible death, but He thought of them first, and how it would leave them without hope, and full of fear and despair, and until the last moment He tried to lift up their souls to the wonderful life hereafter and look forward to a heavenly home with Him.

They listened to Him and asked Him questions, and tried in many ways to understand Him, but they could not believe that what He told them about Himself could happen—that He could be killed and buried, and come to life again. They thought there must be some mistake.

But afterwards they remembered all that He had said, and spent their lives telling it to others, and all of them looked forward to the heavenly home that He had promised them, and all of them gladly suffered death for His sake, to go home to Him in heaven.

All that He had told them had come true. He had been betrayed to His enemies by one of them. He had been tried and whipped, and crowned with thorns, and had been led away and nailed to the cross to die in dreadful agony. Every word He had said had come true.

And He had died, and been raised from the dead, and had been with His disciples forty days, telling them that He was going away, but would sometime come back to earth, and that so long as they lived they must go all over the earth, telling the people about Him and about the home in heaven, where He would give a place to all who obeyed Him.

And He promised them that when He was gone a great Comforter—the Holy Spirit—would come to be with them, to remind them of all he had told them, and to fill their hearts with hope and love and truth, and to guide them.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

PHILLIPS. On Tuesday, December 22, 1942, the death angel entered a room at Carolina General Hospital in Wilson, and took home a dear husband and father, Reverend L. T. Phillips.

He joined the church at an early age, and for many years was a faithful member of Kenly F. W. B. Church. During his ministry of about 63 years, he led many souls to Christ. His memory will live on, even though his soul has gone back to the God who gave it.

He was born on May 29, 1859, making his stay on earth 83 years, 6 months, and 23 days. On May 29, 1883, he married Mrs. Edna Spivey Newell, who survives him with 4 sons and 3 daughters, and one stepdaughter, 44 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held at the church on Christmas eve at two o'clock. It was conducted by Reverend J. W. Alford, and assisted by the pastor, Reverend Clarence Bowen. Timely remarks where made by several preachers who were present. He was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers to await the sound of the trumpet when God shall call His children Home.

Sleep on dear loved one
And take your rest;
So much we miss you,
But God knew best.

We hope to meet you
Beyond the skies;
Where God still lives,
And where saints never die.

Written by a devoted friend,
Mrs. Eddie Flowers

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EDWARDS. The heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call to her heavenly reward our sister, Florence Edwards of Rains Cross Roads Church, from this earthly home to rest with Him eternally.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour and united with the F. W. B. Church in early girlhood. Sister Edwards was ever faithful to her God, her home, her church, and community, and was always ready to do her part when health permitted. She never complained during her illness, but was always cheerful and truthful, looking on the bright side of life. Her faithful service and Christian influence are worthy of our deepest gratitude, therefore, be it Resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His holy will in calling the spirit of our sister Home to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and love over their great loss; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mrs. Bertha Evans,
Rev. W. R. Williams,
J. W. Boyette,
Committee

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FINCH. On the 28th day of November, 1942, the death angel visited our home and took away our precious husband and father, William Dallas Finch, to the heavenly Home not made with hands. He was 70 years old at the time of his death.

Brothers J. C. Watson and J. W. Roberts preached his funeral. He leaves to mourn their loss, Mrs. Winnie Finch and eleven children, 6 sons and 5 daughters; one brother and two sisters.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Weep not wife and children so dear, for in spite of our watching he slipped out of our care. But oh, prepare to meet your

loved one who has gone beyond the grave. But for this hope so safe and secure, the heart could not bear it or endure.

By his broken-hearted wife,
Mrs. W. D. Finch and the children

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Be it resolved that, whereas God saw fit to call Brother Thomas Langdon from this earthly life to his eternal Home of joy and happiness, that he should no longer live surrounded by the things of this earth which would mar or molest his peace and happiness; but that he might be administered unto by God's holy angels;

That, while each member of his church and Sunday School regretfully mourn their loss, they also rejoice in the fact that their loss is his eternal gain;

That his church and Sunday School, and pastor extend to his bereaved parents, and all the immediate family, their sincere and heart-felt sympathy as they mourn together. What we feel like is our great loss, may we rejoice in the fact, however, that God knows what is always best, and that His will must be done; and third

That a copy of this resolution be sent to his parents, a copy to his church, and a copy to be sent to the Baptist paper for publication in the same.

St. Mary's Church,

By Resolution Committee,
Mrs. Eula Coats,
Rebecca Ann Hobbs,
Junius A. Barbour

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following resolutions on the passing of Elder G. W. Ferrell, who departed this life on August 17, 1942.

First, Realizing his faithful stand for the principles of Christianity and untiring labor for the progress of the Union Meeting, realizing that this Union Meeting has lost a staunch friend, but humbly submitting to the Divine Will of God, we are assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Church Paper for publication, a copy be placed on our records, and one be mailed to his beloved family.

Reverend J. Frank Parrish,
Reverend I. W. Jernigan,
Reverend B. B. Richardson,
Committee

If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. I Chorn. 28: 9.

PROGRAM

Program of the Second District Union of the Central Conference.

10:00—Devotions by Rev. J. C. Moye
10:15—Enrollment of ministers and business period
11:00—Talk on Christian Education by Rev. L. R. Ennis
11:15—Special music by Mrs. J. C. Moye
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There are plenty of barefooted children
All on account of booze.

Fathers come home drinking
And sometimes mother, too;
Their children, cold and hungry—
All on account of booze.

Flour barrels are empty,
Mothers' hearts are sad,
Children cold and hungry—
All on account of DAD.

DAD, you may like your whiskey,
You may like your beer,
But look what dangerous times
Are facing us here.

Our boys, they are leaving,
Their hearts are long and sad.
Whiskey caused the trouble,
Please, won't you quit it, DAD?

Homes have been wrecked,
And children's hearts are sad.
Booze is all the trouble—
Vote it out, Dad.

Our boys and girls are drinking,
They're in Floyd county, too;
Dad, if you love your children
Vote against the Booze!

Booze often causes sickness
And sometimes deaths, too;
And when you find it out
It's all on account of Booze.

Now, may God bless Floyd county,
And all its voters, too.
Now will you go on election
And vote against the Booze?

Now may God bless each Christian
Who's traveling the holy way,
To bring out all your friends and neighbors
On this election day.

Written by

Rev. Carl Layne,
Betsy Layne, Ky.

—Sent in by James H. Owens.

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  Unsullied as the newly fallen snow;
A leaf it is from my own "Book of Life,"
  And what I write, eternity shall know.

I take the pen in hand, for time moves on
  As from an hourglass falls the shining sand,
And humbly pray before a word I write,
  "Lord Jesus, in Thy wisdom guide my hand."

For if I write what He shall bid me write,
  And if I never draw my hand away,
This page will shine with heaven's loveliness,
  For God will write within my book each day.

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10:15—Address of welcome by Rev. L. C. Coates
10:20—Reply by Rev. M. L. Baxley
10:25—Appointment of committee by Moderator
10:40—Prohibition talk by Rev. O. M. Hilburn
11:00—Preaching by Steve English
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1:40—Report of committees
2:00—Roll call of churches
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EDITORIAL

THE NEED OF A NEW CHURCH HISTORY

The Free Will Baptist denomination is greatly in need of a comprehensive and up-to-date Church History. It has been many decades since a complete history of the denomination has been written. In fact, many state and district organizations have been established and functioning continuously since the last history was written. Women's organizations, Young People's leagues, and great many new churches have been established in a large number of states during the last three decades. Orphanages and new Home and Foreign mission work have been established within recent years. New fields of endeavor have been opened by the Free Will Baptist denomination in Cuba, South America and in India.

Moreover, new educational institutions, for the training of the Ministry, Home and Foreign mission workers, are now offering splendid instruction in the fields of study to properly equiped Christian workers for the different denominational phases of work. The New National and State organizations have launched programs to further the advancement of the work of the denomination not only on the State and National scale, but also to include foreign lands as fields for denominational work. Within the bounds of the United States, new churches are being established, particularly in the northern and western States where the denomination did very little work for many years. New emphasis is now being shown, among the old established Free Will Baptist churches in the Middle Atlantic and Central States, for closer unity of action and co-operation in all of their State and District organizations. A more definite understanding is now being realized among the Free Will Baptist people in the different states regarding the purpose and function of the denomination than was shown, on the whole, some forty years ago.

In view of these facts, it is evident that there is sufficient material of old and new church records, when brought together from all of the states, to furnish adequate data for the writing of a new history of the denomination. Some steps should be taken in the near future by proper authorities of the denomination to make plans for the gathering of the records, as old church histories, church documents, State and District church minutes, and any other data essential to the writing of a complete history of the denomination down to the present time. The task will be a great one, and will require some time and much patient work in assembling adequate materials for the writing of the history. Several people will be needed, very likely, to gather all the data that can be possibly brought together for study and the writing of the book. Then, those engaged to do the writing of the history will require time for research study in several libraries where early church history and documents can be found which will furnish adequate information for portions of the New Church History. The endeavor will be well worth the undertaking, however, for the need is certainly felt by the leadership of the denomination. The work can be adequately financed, when properly begun, by the State and National organizations co-operating together, for example, to raise the funds sufficient to have the history written and a goodly number of copies published for sale to the church people.

The writer of this editorial believes plans should be started very soon by the National Association, together with the State Associations co-operating, for the purpose of getting the New Free Will Baptist Church history written within the next five year period, or sooner if possible. Although it will take thousands of dollars to accomplish the task, yet sufficient numbers of the history will be readily sold, we believe, to repay the National and the State associations for the amount of money expended by them to have the history published.

GOD GAVE HIS BEST

By T. O. Chisholm

Last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.—Matt. 21:37.
They crucified him.—Matt. 27:35.

He gave His best; God gave His best,—
Gave all His love could give;
Gave even His beloved Son
To die, that we might live;
So great His love, so much it cost
"To seek and save that which was lost."

He gave His best; He reached so far;
E'en God could do no more;
And yet what multitudes today
His priceless gift ignore,—
Go on their way in sinful pride,
As if the Saviour had not died!

O heedless, wayward, sinful soul,
Despising still His grace,
Blaspheming with the breath He gives,
How dare you thus to face
A judgment surely coming on
When hope and mercy will be gone?

As yet your sentence is delayed,
As yet you may repent
And thus escape the dreadful doom
Of souls impenitent;
As yet the Word of life is nigh;
Receive God's gift! Why will you die!

—S. S. Times

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51: 11.

THE CHURCH AND THE WAR

(The following important pronouncement was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches at its Biennial Meeting in Cleveland, December 8-11, 1942)

A year ago, immediately following the entrance of the United States into the war, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its Executive Committee in special session, made a statement of its position.

The Federal Council, assembled in plenary session for the first time since the outbreak of the war, now adds to the earlier message a special statement concerning the issues which, it has become increasingly clear, are at stake in the war, and for which great numbers of young men in our churches are prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even—if necessary—the sacrifice of their lives.

We do not regard the present war as merely a conflict between national self-interests or rival imperialisms. If the war could be fully described in these terms, the Christian Church, as a supra-national ecumenical fellowship, might have little or nothing to say about the issues at stake. Beneath the conflict of nations we discern a crisis of civilization itself—a conflict of moral ideas and of two different conceptions of the meaning and end of human existence. In this conflict the Christian Church has a valid and inescapable concern.

Although we may differ in our appraisal of the historical factors that have produced the war, we are agreed that its outcome will gravely affect the future opportunity of Christians to achieve social and political goals consonant with Christian principles. The triumph of the Axis powers, according to their own definition of their objectives, would mean a deliberate effort

1. to subject every realm of personal freedom to the tyranny of the state;

2. to substitute the arbitrary decisions of a dictatorship for an ordered regime of law and justice;

3. to establish the domination of an alleged master-race in place of a democratic fellowship of races;

4. to deprive free nations of their own governments and make them vassals of a supreme military power;

5. to exercise such an exclusive control over the education of youth as to impose the entire totalitarian philosophy upon them.

Such avowed aims as these are not merely unchristian; they are positively anti-Christian. They frankly repudiate the best elements that Christianity has contributed to the shaping of civilization. If such aims should now become fortified by the military victory of the Axis nations, the result would be an incalculable setback to those who seek such Christian objectives as the following:

1. to maintain responsible freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, freedom of economic opportunity, freedom of worship and of religious life;

2. to establish for all men a system of justice based on law;

3. to develop a brotherhood of equal opportunity for all races;

4. to work for a political world-order which shall more fully express the unity of mankind as one family of God;

5. to educate youth in the understanding of Christian objectives and personal commitment to them.

We do not hold that these Christian goals would become wholly impossible in the case of an Axis military victory; God has ways of working that are beyond our human limitations. He has used for his Kingdom the loyal witness of Christians even in the face of the worst tyranny. But we are obligated as Christians to exercise such foresight as He has given us to make practical decisions in the light of our best understanding of the moral consequences and in accordance with the dictates of conscience.

We do not hold that a victory of the United Nations would, in itself, guarantee the achievement of any Christian goals. Their achievement, which is the essential victory for which Christians strive, depends upon the acceptance of the will of God in the hearts of men. But we are convinced, beyond any room for doubt, that the external conditions will be vastly more favorable to working for Christian social objectives in the event of the military success of the United Nations than in the event of their defeat. A victory of the United Nations would at least afford in many lands a degree of freedom in Christian service of which—so far as human eye can see—an Axis victory would rob us. No thoughtful Christian, therefore, can be indifferent to the outcome of the war.

We make our judgment with the greater confidence because we know that in Axis nations themselves there are many Christians who hold the same view, who see as clearly as we the radical contradiction between Christianity and Naziism, and who share with us the conviction that the triumph of Nazi principles would be a disaster to ecumenical Christianity. The triumph of an unqualified nationalism, such as is rooted in the state Shintoism of Japan, would be likewise hostile to the ecumenical ideal.

As Christians we take our stand not as the mouthpiece of any national cause but as members of a world-wide fellowship. We therefore renounce hatred and vengeance for the people of the lands with whose governmental regimes our nation is at war and we commit ourselves to working for a just and durable peace as the outcome of the victory of righteousness that we seek.

We recognize that whatever the issues of war may seem to be, there are some sincere Christians who believe that force is never permissible to resolve them. The Federal Council, in adopting this resolution, does so without denying the right of Christians to hold to that position recognized by the Oxford Conference of 1937 as one of those which true Christians may hold.

A NEW YEAR'S SONG

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle song.

Glory to God in the highest heaven
Who unto man His Son hath given,
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.
—Martin Luther.

THE NEW YEAR

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely ye have received freely give."

When Christ sent His twelve disciples out, He gave them power and demanded them to preach that the kingdom of God was at hand. They were to go everywhere preaching and teaching in the name of God. When He sent them out, He cautioned them what they were not to take with them on their journey.

The old year has gone, and as we begin this New Year, may we leave some things out of our luggage, and add some to fill the place of those we leave out. May some of those which we leave out be faultfinding and backbiting. But first may we be more perfect before we find fault with others. Another thing for us to leave out is pretense. When we pretend to be something when we are not is hypocrisy. God loves an honest heart and not a pretender. If we carry this along in our traveling bag, let us lay it down as we go on our journey during the year 1943. Then our luggage will not be so heavy to carry.

There are things which we should add to our luggage, as we travel on during this New Year. One of these is God's Word. May we make that our resolution to read God's Word more in 1943 than we did during 1942. There is another that we certainly should add to our grip, and that is faith in God. May we start this new year with more faith and zeal and courage than we have ever had during the beginning of a new year. Paul says, "I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3: 13, 14).

As we go on and begin a New Year, we are not to think of the things we leave behind, for we have some griefs and sorrows, and others have had some loved ones called away. Some have had joy during the past year. But nothing that is passed with the old year 1942 can be called back. We are to forget those things as we begin this new year. We are to be found pressing on for the glory of God. We are to be walking close by His side and doing His holy will to the best of our ability. Thus, when this new year comes to its close, may we be found standing close to the Lord. May we be closer to our heavenly home than we were in 1942. May this year be a real experience for everyone, and may we labor for God to gather in precious souls during 1943. Let us, therefore, press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

MOTHER OF MOTHERS

(Dedicated to our Boys in Camp)
By Alice M. Powell

Mary, you watched each Baby step,
So as we mothers of today,
How many times you knelt to pray,
And tirelessly your vigil kept.

You saw Him grow to manhood fair,
So as we mothers of today,
Only to see Him go away
To cruel things you could not share.

Look down in understanding sweet
On countless mothers of today,
And may we hope to hear you say,
"Your sons are safe here at my feet."
—Selected

WHAT I THINK OF THE BAPTIST PAPER

Dear Editor:

As your records will show I have been taking the paper for a long time, and I can truly say that the paper gets better every year. I would not do without it for anything. Now, in this issue—Christmas—I want to tell you what I like about it. First of all, I am impressed with the poem on the front page. I think it expresses the spirit of the season so well, which to me shows that the editor, has the **Spirit of Christ** in him, which is the spirit of Christmas. Next is the article by Rev. Hinnant, which brings to our minds not only the birth of our Lord, but many other stories of interest to Christians. Then the editorial, well, to me that is the best editorial you have ever written. It does me so much good to read anything about **OUR WONDERFUL CHRIST.** It stirs the love of God in me. May God bless you for writing that article. Next I did enjoy the fine message by Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis. I think it is good. And my prayer to God is that she may live a long life and lead many precious souls to the Lord. Then, the fine message by our beloved brother, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, whom to know is to love, and he speaks to us right out of his heart. May the Lord bless him. Also a good message by Elder C. J. Harris; may the Lord bless him. Now, in brother J. C. Griffin's "Notes and Quotes," well, I am bold to say that, Brother Griffin is a true soldier of the cross, and is like John the Baptist—not afraid to rebuke those in high places. May God ever bless him and give him boldness to "speak and hold not his peace." Yes, I can, with many others, testify that if we ever take one drink of the **"Water of life"** it will quench our thirst, and will never want another drink of the devil's broth, **"strong drink."** I also like the article by brother Davis. And last but not least is the St. Claire Bible Class prepared by M. B. Hutchinson. His lesson helps have done me much good for which I ask God to bless the one that sends it out.

—By an old Subscriber

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

God Will Take Care of His Own

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37: 23-25).

That which God does for an individual He will do for a nation, providing that nation meets the requirements of God. The man who puts his hand into the hand of God—that is he who obeys God, through a faithful, surrendered life, need not fear what man nor the Devil can do unto him, for God will "hold him up." Slanderous tongues, or envious traps of man or snares of the Devil and all his hosts cannot destroy the soul that "Leans upon Jesus."

What They Say

"I have been to the Orphanage at Middlesex, but I never really saw the orphanage until tonight."—Rev. R. C. Kennedy. Brother Kennedy, stated the above after I had lectured and shown the pictures of the Orphanage at Sandy Plain church, just before the offering.

"I have seen the Orphanage tonight in a different light from ever before."—Rev. S. A. Smith. Brother Smith made his statement after the lecture and just before the offering at Beulaville. I could go on with a large number of testimonies, but I had rather not for fear that some one might accuse me of blowing my horn. However, if any one should be so ignorant as to believe that I am "blowing my horn" I am frank to confess that I love to blow for Jesus, but never for "Jess."

More Pictures

I have just received a letter from Bro. J. R. Davidson, saying, "Bro. Parsons has made two films, a hundred feet each, one inside and the other outside of the Bible School for you." These pictures were taken at my request. So in a little while I hope to be able to show the Bible School along in connection with the other pictures that I am showing of our denominational work. I certainly appreciate good remarks from such leading men and women as I have quoted, and many more that I could quote.

In addition to the pictures which I expect to receive soon from the Bible School, I am making more which will appear later along with our lectures. I lecture on each important scene. Also I talk about the SIX-POINT PROGRAM for North Carolina State Association. If you want to see and hear, let me know, so that I can arrange the dates.

My Visit to the Orphanage

Monday, the 11th of January, I visited the Orphanage at Middlesex and showed the pictures to the children and the staff of officers. It was one of the most enjoyable visits that I have ever had with any one. The whole family seemed happy to see us. And no one has shown more joy over seeing the pictures than that audience. I spent the night over in the home of the superintendent, Bro. J. A. Evans. It was real pleasure. Brother James had to go to Raleigh on Orphanage business the next day and I went with him. Our heart rejoices to know that we have such a man as Brother Evans, and his good wife to manage the institution. Also they have an efficient staff of matrons and helpers in every department and everything moves so nicely with such a co-operation as I find at that place.

Just Back Home

I arrived home last night about 11:00 p. m. from Piny Grove, Duplin County, where we showed the pictures and lectured on the SIX-POINT PROGRAM. The work at Piny Grove closed the itinerary for the week—beginning at the Orphanage then to Sandy Plain, Cabin, and Beulaville. At all of these places I found good attendance, considering weather, and the rationing of gas, sickness and other things which hinder. And each congregation, that is many of the individuals, expressed themselves in an encouraging manner. While the primary purpose of the work that I am doing is not money on the sight (the real purpose is to acquaint people with our denominational PROGRAM and lay a foundation for future support of every department) however, the offerings have been encouraging in most places.

Tithing a Part of the Program

Along with the pictures and in the lectures we urge FREE WILL BAPTISTS to "tithe their income and follow up with offerings if they want to go God's way in the great program in helping to EVANGELIZE THE WORLD." Praise God, I find that when saved people know God's will they are ready to go God's way. Saved people when informed rightly are MISSIONARY MINDED. People who love God through the Lord Jesus Christ are ready to support the cause of the CHRIST whom they love. God is blessing.

God's Grace to Abound

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9: 7, 8). God will not let us down if we meet his requirements. If we give, God will give in return. His "grace will abound to all things" is His promise. Have you tried God, my dear Reader?

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," (I Cor. 16: 2). This is God's way. Give systematically. Do it weekly. As the "Lord hath prospered him." That is if I made ten dallars that week ONE DOLLAR BELONGS TO GOD. That is a big DOLLAR isn't it? Well it belongs to God, and God can do BIG things with it when it is presented in the SPIRIT OF CHRIST. Amen.

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THE SHEPHERD PSALM IN THE LIFE OF 1943

Where do you go when in trouble? Recently a layman in a metropolitan center, through no fault of his own, found himself in a very difficult situation. A church man, a teacher of a class of boys, he turned to the 23rd Psalm which he and his lads used to recite together. Here is his description of the way in which the Bible may steady a man's faith.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (for comfort and love and some worldly goods).

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (so that I may rest and gain my spiritual and bodily strength):

He leadeth me beside the still waters, (where I shall certainly find peace so that I may better receive His communications and divine guidance in the silence).

He leadeth me into the paths of righteousness for His name's sake (through the new understanding which has come to me).

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil (happily now I have conquered my despair and helplessness and am strong and ready to fight evil thoughts (hate) of my own, and of others toward me);

For thou art with me; (I am convinced) thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me (for which I am humbly thankful).

He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies (my fears and my sorrows):

He anointeth my head with oil (and I am honored by my growing faith and consequently lose my thoughts of inferiority);

My cup runneth over. (The light is in my eyes again and my soul feels uplifted—and a burden seems lifted from my heart).

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (because my faith and self efforts have shown me where to turn);

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever, (because I know now that this is where I shall always find relief and happiness).

Help, O Lord, the weak ones who by their ignoble acts destroy the righteous and estrange them from thy green pastures and still waters which thou are wont to provide. Let them see the light of Thy true Divine Guidance so they may mend their ways and by so doing gain everlasting life and happiness. Amen.

—General Council Church Calendar Service.

APPROACHING THE NEW YEAR WITH PRAYER

As we approach the New Year 1943, some of us are making resolutions. But may we pause and approach it with the determination to make it be the greatest year in our lives from a religious standpoint. Let us approach it with a prayer in our hearts, asking God to guide us through the new year, and to give us an insight into the future so we may be able to accomplish the most good.

May we, through the strength of God, be able to win the VICTORY ere the year shall come to a close. Let us pray that "Old Glory" will wave and fly more freely and with the most radiance ever in all of its history.

As we launch out on new fields into different states may we still be able to feel His presence even as in the past. May the Christian people who read this message pause and breathe a prayer for the men in the armed forces all over our Americas. Through prayer we shall win and without it we shall fail. It is up to us to do our part. There are many sacrifices which we are to make from time to time. Our aim now, henceforth and forevermore is to win, and retain our religious principles and freedom.

Our closing prayer is that God may keep us and save us, and our much loved America.

Yours in His great name,
Staff Sgt. Alton B. Paul,
Company B,
11th Armed Division,
Camp Polk, La.

THE ARMY IS BECOMING CONCERNED

"Something has to be done right now," said Lieutenant Colonel O. M. Baldinger, Commandant of the Lockbourne air base near Columbus, Ohio. Colonel Baldinger demands an all-out war on vice and calls for revocation of numerous liquor permits. "In our business of teaching young men to fly," he said, 'liquor is just as bad as prostitution." Major General Milton A. Reckford, commanding general of the Third Corps area, declares that the liquor business in Baltimore will have to clean up or be cleaned up by the Army. General Reckford complains of 'the many liquor places in Baltimore and in the Third Corps area where liquor and prostitution flourish side by side." "If it means closing your places to get man power physically fit for the front lines at the earliest possible moment, then we shall close them," said General Reckord.

Colonel Cassius M. Dowell, commanding officer at Fort Dix, New Jersey, has ordered the tavern section of Pointville 'off limits" after an affray in which one soldier was killed. There have been race disturbances in the vicinity of Fort Dix arising in or around taverns. The Army has started condemnation proceedings to acquire areas in which ten taverns are located.

In Florida, army and navy authorities asked the Governor to call a special session of the legislature to curb the liquor traffic in areas where there are major concentrations of soldiers and sailors.

Colonel A. Glassburn, commanding officer of the army air base training center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, has requested civilians to cease treating soldiers to alcoholic beverages. "The result of buying drinks for a soldier usually is to get the soldier into trouble," he said.

The army and navy are increasingly aware that the liquor traffic is proving to be a serious menace to the war effort.

—The Voice

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CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

The Second Session of the Christian Workers' Institute will be held with Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan, March 8 to 19, 1943.

The Christian Workers' Institute is not a blind venture but an intelligent training service, seeking vigilantly to enlighten and equip Christian workers for the greatest business in the world. It is well past the experimentation stage as a portable Bible School. It has something to offer that is saught by the smallest rural church and the largest metropolitan congregation.

The great industrial City of Detroit will soon feel the impact of the Christian Workers' Institute. The opening date is March 8, 9:00 A. M. Let everyone within reach of this session make his plans immediately to attend.

The Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, of which Reverend Raymond Riggs is Pastor, will serve as host to the Institute. The generous hospitality of this fine church and pastor makes this Institute possible at a nominal charge of $12.00 for board for the eleven days. Rooms will be provided all students free of charge in the homes of the members of the host church.

The host pastor, Brother Riggs, will serve as Registrar and Advertising Secretary for this session of the Institute. Students should forward their applications, with $1.00 registration fee, to Brother Riggs immediately. One should state whether he will come alone to the Institute, or with others, and if so, how many.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

The courses of study offered in the Christian Workers' Institute have been arranged in four groups. Upon the completion of any single group, however, a certificate will be granted the student; and, for the completion of the four groups of courses, a normal diploma will be awarded. Each group of courses offered may be finished in a session of two weeks.

Bible Doctrine. This course will treat on the doctrine of the Trinity, with special emphasis on the person and mission of Christ, the personality, office, and work of the Holy Spirit, together with the doctrine of salvation and the Church. The method of treatment will not be systematic, except as applied to the specific teachings of the Word of God. The student will find this course to comprehend much of that great volume of Christian thought and faith which is essential to stability in personal life and efficiency in service.

Biblical Survey. The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the Bible as a whole. An examination of both the Old and New Testaments with a view to recognizing their inter-relationship, literary, and historic importance will receive attention. How we come in possession of our Bible, and on what grounds we may be assured of its inspiration and authorship is considered.

Evangelism. Soul winning is the privilege of every Christian, and no minister or church worker may be considered efficient, evangelistic, or truly faithful who disregards his obligation to the lost. In this course the student will receive vital training in the use of the Bible in personal, pastoral, and professional evangelism. He will be taught how to deal with various classes of unsaved people.

Public Discourse. This course deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons and gospel addresses. The subject will be presented simply, but with a thoroughness sufficient to meet a universal need among ministers and Christian workers who have not had the advantage of homiletical training.

Missions. The course in missions is considered of major importance. The subject is treated under four separate headings, and will run throughout all four sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute. In the first session the biblical background of missions will be studied; in the second session brief outlines in world-wide missions will be reviewed; in the third session Free Will Baptists in modern missions will be considered; and in the fourth session the recent awakening and present program of Foreign Missions will receive attention. Our Missionary to India, Miss Laura B. Barnard, is the author of this course.

Free Will Baptist Organization. The subject matter presented in this course is contained in the minutes of Free Will Baptist organizations, and in the unwritten customs and traditions of the denomination. Special attention will be given to the variations of customs and practices of local churches and general bodies. The purpose of this course is to bring about uniformity in organization, practices, and program.

Free Will Baptist League. The prominence of youth in modern society lays upon all Christian bodies grave responsibilities. Practically all vocations demand trained men and women. This course is offered in response to a widely recognized need for trained workers in all departments of the church.

Women's Auxiliary. Evangelical denominations have been spared the reproach of retrenchment, if not a collapse, as a result of the devotion and missionary passion of their women. Women's Auxiliary is comparatively new to our present generation of Free Will Baptist women; but, it is nevertheless the most highly perfected organization in the denomination. There is however need of uniformity and simplification. This course is designed to inspire and inform pastors of the possibilities of Auxiliary work, and to give essential instruction to women regarding the conduct of the organization.

Sunday School Administration. The Sunday School is fundamentally an evangelizing agency. The latest estimate reveals that seventy-four per cent of those who unite with the

churches annually come from the Sunday School. Efficiency in administration will be the theme of this course.

Student's Application for Admission to the Christian Workers' Institute

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Give name of church of which you are a member _____

Are you a minister? _____ Of what church, or churches, are you now pastor? _____

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If not a minister, for what phase of Christian work do you desire preparation? _____

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Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute, or will your church assist you? _____

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What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____

What amount, in excess of your registration fee ($1.00), are you forwarding with this application? $____

Please mail your application with one ($1.00) registration fee to Reverend Raymond Riggs, 13734 John Road, Highland Park, Michigan.

Signed _____

Note: All class sessions will be open to visitors, but those desiring credits for work done will be required to pay the registration fee of $1.00 each.

NOTICE

I hereby wish to notify all persons, who may wish to correspond with me, that my address is no longer Goldsboro, North Carolina, Route 3. My present address is Post Box Number 83, Lucama, North Carolina.

Rev. L. M. Johnson

THE OLD, OLD STORY

This is the **Old, Old Story.**
  Say, do you **take it in?—**
This wonderful Redemption
  God's remedy for sin?

Do you at heart believe it?
  Do you believe it's **true,**
And meant for **every sinner,**
  And, therefore, meant for **you?**

Then take this **"Great Salvation";**
  For Jesus loves to give!
Believe! and you receive it!
  Believe! and you shall live !

And if this simple message
  Has now brought peace to you,
Make known "the old, old story;"
  For others need it, too.

Let everybody see it
  That Christ has made you free;
And if it sets them longing,
  Say, "Jesus died for Thee!"

—Author Unknown

IN GOOD FAITH

The Bible and the Post-War World

If we ever needed testimony to the profound impression that the Bible has made upon this civilization of ours we are finding it today in the various plans put forth for the organization of the post-war world.

Even a casual perusal of them will reveal that we cannot even think of the world after this war is over without thinking at the same time in terms of equal rights for men everywhere. We are being told by high authorities that the kind of world we should strive for is one in which it will be possible for every child to have a quart of milk a day, a world in which people will be fully employed, well-fed, well-housed, and well-clother. It is proposed, too, that the democratic principle of minority rights be recognized and observed, that weaker peoples be protected by the strong nations and educated against the day when they shall be competent to govern themselves, that wherever possible, people be guaranteed the right to choose their own form of government, that, finally, world chaos be replaced by world government through the adoption of some form of federal world union.

An analysis of these proposals will show that they are all based on the conviction that man is sacred in his person without reference to color, or race, or the part of the earth which he inhabits, that the democracies have a direct responsibility for the welfare of mankind, and that we consider war an evil which must be avoided in the future. Further analysis will show that these convictions are rooted in the Holy Scriptures and that the only valid reason for our ability to think in terms of the sacredness of human life and of world justice based upon order is because God's Word has been a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

It is imperative, however, to point out that the kind of world we hope for can never exist if we simply depend upon reorganization. It can exist only if there are enough people in it who can say to God in sincerity and truth, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies! for they are ever with me . . . I have refrained my feed from every evil way, that I might keep thy word." (Psalm 119: 97, 98, 101). A righteous world can be sustained and ordered only by a righteous people.

FIGHT

We can't win this war without fighting.

We cannot establish world security and peace without fighting.

We can't win a decent world for our children to live in without rolling up our sleeves and hitting hard.

There will be no temperance in this country which is not wrested from the liquor traffic and the people who constantly have their hands out for liquor money.

There will be no home integrity, no decent standards of morality unless we go out and do battle for them.

It would be a great world if we didn't have to fight. But, we do have to fight in order to make it a better world in which to live.—The Voice.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

To the officers of our National Auxiliary Convention and to all of our women who are laboring so earnestly for the promotion of our work, I am wishing for each one a successful New Year, in which it will be seen that much progress has been made in all of our Departmental interests, and that during the remaining months of our Convention year, we shall be very diligent in our prayers for divine guidance. May we not lose sight of the fact that He, our Saviour, has promised to be with us "all the way, even unto the end of the world."

May we be a little more co-operative and endeavor to maintain and support our National work in its entirety.

Even though I have not heard from the various officers, I feel so confident of their ability and earnestness in the work that I have no fear but that each one, from the First Vice-President on down through our various members, is on the "job," so to speak, and that each is planning and working toward greater achievements during this year.

We have a very short time now in which to reach the various states regarding any specific work on hand. I hope, therefore, that each officer will let it be known as early as possible, through the Baptist Paper and the Gem, just what you are expecting the Auxiliaries to do, so that the reports at our annual Convention will be complete and therefore better than ever before. May we recall St. Paul's statement in Phil. 4: 13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and put forth our very best efforts in applying ourselves to our respective duties.

The **Plan of Work,** as adopted at our last Convention, should stand out prominently in our own individual efforts to put them into practice that we may be able to increase our usefulness in keeping with our theme for the year, **"The Great Commission—Our Commission,"** and that of our Watch Word, **"The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.**

I have no plans to suggest and no comments that would be worth anything to any of our women, but I am vitally interested and deeply concerned in our great need of a deeper, spiritual life, one that makes us forget self and selfish aspirations, one that will enable us to realize that if we would be true witnesses for the Master, self must be crucified, and God must reign supreme in our hearts and lives.

I want us to be very prayerful regarding the election of new officers for the ensuing year, as this next Convention will be the time to select the women who are to lead and labor with us another year, so I am urging the necessity of earnest prayer for guidance from our heavenly Father, that He may direct in all of our deliberations and actions.

There is no time for delay in promoting our Educational Program, our Mission cause and other interests, for each of these demand our very best efforts in order that we may have a share in the ongoing of these great enterprises. We have so much to be thankful for, that I sometimes wonder how our Lord can bless us so bountifully, when we are continually receiving, and we are giving so little.

My earnest prayer is that we may love one another as "He has loved us," that we may regard ourselves as "members of His Body" and that "We, as workers together with God," must, under all circumstances and conditions permited, be ready to say, "Here am I, send me."

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President of the National Auxiliary Convention

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

Our Aid society held its regular monthly meeting on January 7, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Lena Brickhouse. The meeting was opened with the members present singing a hymn. The scripture lesson was read from the eleventh chapter of St. Luke's Gospel by the president, Miss Almeta Armstrong. Then the first vice-president gave each one a hearty welcome.

The lesson theme for the meeting was "Let Your Light Shine." Almeta read a very interesting story, "Many Lamps," which explained the theme very well. A Christmas poem was read by Mrs. Essie Edwards, and Mrs. Morris read a story about "Mother's Birthday Present."

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with nine members present who answered to their names with Bible verses. One new member was added to our list of members. The dues collected amounted to $4.31. We paid out 54 cents.

Activities

Sick visits	20
Trays	8
Milk (qts.)	17

The meeting closed with song and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The hostess served delicious sweet courses. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Joe Brickhouse.

Mrs. R. R. Swain, Cor.-Secy.

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1942 L. A. S. REPORT OF DUBLIN GROVE CHURCH

(Beaufort County)

This is the annual report of our L. A. S. We meet once each month in homes of members in winter, and at the church in summer. We have 27 members on roll.

Money Collected

A. E. W. articles sold	$ 34.21
Dues	35.65
Donations	1.60
Birthday dues	3.69
Refund to treasurer	20.76
Quilt	6.45
Balance from 1941	13.53
Total	$115.89

Money Paid Out

A. E. W. order	$ 10.50

Juices to sick	1.45
Orphanage	5.00
Superannuation	5.00
Piano tuning	12.60
Bedspread to Orphanage	2.58
To missions	2.00
Pulpit material	2.89
Scarfing for church	1.00
Tenn. Bible School piano	2.00
Oil cloth to sick	.50
Card order	8.32
Floral designs	7.21
Pot plant	1.59
For M. O., postage and express	2.85
To Orphanage bed fund	2.00
Dust pan for church	.39
To orphan child	30.00
Infantile paralysis fund	2.00
Red Cross fund	2.00
Total	$101.88
Total Collected	$115.89
Total Paid Out	$101.88
Balance on hand	$ 14.01

Activities

Chapters read	1299
Sick visits made	219
Trays given	41
Flowers given	30
Floral designs	24
Religious services held	2
Get well cards given	56
Sympathy cards given	60
Gallons milk given	15
Orphan adopted	1

Mrs. Blain Aldrich, Pres.,
Mrs. H. W. Hudnell, Secy.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Having been requested to give a report of the work of our Sunday School class, together with a brief history of the class, I am pleased to do so.

Our class was formerly known as class Number One, before we named it "The Alec Bennett Memorial class. It is composed mostly of young people, and it was named in honor of Brother Alec Bennett, who was a great Sunday School and church worker, and song leader. He was also a devoted follower of the Lord, and has now gone on to his eternal reward.

He was superintendent of our Sunday School for many years, and was loved by everyone. I sincerely hope that each member of the class will be as true to the Lord and faithful workers as was Brother Bennett. We are fortunate indeed to have as our teacher now, Mrs. Fannie Taylor, who is a very consecrated and devoted woman in the Lord's work. Her spiritual light shines brightly for Christ in our community. Under her leadership our class has made great progress. In addition to our regular collections during the past year, we have raised $43.47. Our expenditures are as follows:

Paid for pulpit Bible	$20.00
For a fan for our class room	7.50
For Christmas presents	4.50
For our pastor's radio program	1.00
For wreath for a deceased brother	3.00
Total	$36.00

Receipts

Total receipts	$43.47
Total disbursements	36.00
Balance on hand Dec. 27, 1942	$ 7.47

As treasurer of the class, I wish to thank everyone for the splendid co-operation that has been manifested during the past year. I sincerely hope that we shall be willing to co-operate and accomplish great things for the Lord during the New Year, 1943.

Mattie Mae Beacham,
Class Treasurer,
Arapahoe, N. C.

WESTERN UNION REPORT

The Union meeting of the First District of the Western North Carolina Association met with the church at Piny Grove in Johnston County on November 29, 1942. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. G. Holland. The moderator, Rev. W. R. Williams, made a few remarks for the good of the union and then opened it for business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called and Rev. R. N. Hinnant made a talk concerning the educational work which is being done in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. E. G. Holland made some good remarks regarding the disabled ministers. Rev. R. N. Hinnant brought the eleven o'clock message which was very good. At the close of the service prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Worley.

The afternoon session was opened by Rev. J. S. Overman conducting the devotions. Then the list of churches was called and the delegates present responded with their donations from their churches. The representation was fair from the churches of this union. Rev. R. N. Hinnant spoke briefly concerning the Orphanage work at Middlesex, and an offering was taken which amounted to $17.65.

The Finance Committee and the Treasurer made their report, which is as follows:

On hand from last union	$ 19.51
Received today	63.00
Collection for Orphanage	17.65
Total	$100.16

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$27.65
To disabled ministers	26.00
For marker to Rev. J. H. Whitley's grave	5.00
Union expenses	12.00
Total paid out	$70.65
Balance on hand	$29.51

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The next union will be held with Union Grove Church in Wayne County. Then a motion was made and carried that we adjourn until the next time in course with song and benediction.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

Tender-handed stroke a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains.
'Tis the same with common natures,
Use them kindly, they rebel;
But be rough as nutmeg-graters,
And the rogues obey you well.
—Aaron Hill

St. Claire Bible Class

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JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

(Lesson for January 31)

Lesson: John 6: 8-14, 30-35. Read: John 6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35).

Christ—Bread and Water

The highest truth of all is that Jesus Christ is the Bread and Water, without which man cannot live. He never says that He is a luxury which the rich only can afford. An adventurer would not have seen in metaphors so humble a philosophy, so profound. Man needs Christ as a necessity, and not as a luxury. You may be **pleased** to have flowers, but you **must** have bread. Jesus has often been presented as an ornament, a phenomenon; but He preached Himself, and would have others preach Him, as Bread and Water. What has been the effect of omitting to declare Christ as Bread and Water? Leaving the simplicity of Christ, we have elaborated theological sciences, worked out cunning symbolism. Take the pure Bible and read it for thyself, and thou shalt see the Lord and eat Heavenly Bread.—Joseph Parker.

I am the bread of life, said Jesus. Thus, no one could go away questioning within himself as to the meaning of this "true bread from heaven." Jesus was that living, spiritual food for the healing of sinsick souls. All who come unto him shall have their spiritual hunger satisfied. All who believe on him and walk in his pathway shall find eternal rest. He assured them that **he that** cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Think how everyone should accept this promise and live the Christian life.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. Lesson High Points

Three kinds of bread are mentioned in this lesson, each of which refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. The first of these, the barley loaves, may also be applied to Christians. It is with this thought that we look at the lesson.

1. Barley Loaves (John 6: 8-14). Although also a figure of Christ in the hands of the Father, we think of them as representing Christian believers principally. This gives the lesson a special practical value.

They were only few in number (John 6: 9). The number of true believers in the world always will remain small over against the rest of the population. True Christians are only a "little flock" (Lu. 12: 32), but they can be of great service.

Ordinarily these few barley loaves would have served only as a lunch for the lad that owned them; but in the hands of the Lord Jesus they became a blessing to many. But Jesus had to do two things with them before they could serve this purpose, and they are the same things that were done with Him to make Him a blessing to the whole world. **First,** He blessed the loaves (Mat. 14: 19). We first must be partakers of the blessing of salvation and of His Spirit before He can make us a blessing to others. **Second,** He broke them.

Only as the loaves were broken could they be distributed to the multitude. Only through His death could Christ become the Saviour of the world, and only when our own wills have been broken of their resistance toward God can we be used for the blessing of our fellow men and become instrumental in their salvation.

2. Bread from Heaven (John 6:30-32). The Jews seemed to think that the giving of the manna was a greater miracle than the feeding of the five thousand. This led to a discourse on the true Bread from Heaven. The manna speaks definitely of Christ in a number of ways.

It was supernaturally given (Exo. 16: 4, 14). The Israelites could do nothing to bring it down; it was the gift of God. Their need led Him to give it. And in like manner Jesus came to earth.

Finally, the manna lasted as long as it was needed (Exo. 16: 35). When once the land of Canaan had been reached, and it was no longer needed, it no longer fell from Heaven. Christ will be with us all through life, and when this life ends, He still will be with us, but in a changed relationship. He never will leave us.

3. Bread of Life (John 6: 33-35). This lesson centers around the memorable words of Christ: "I am the **Bread** of Life" (John 6: 35). God does not give us life without giving nourishment for it (Ps. 78: 15-20). The believer knows that as Jesus is the Life (John 14: 6; I Jn. 5: 11, 12), so He is also the **Bread of Life.**

Bread is of **universal necessity—all require it,** rich and poor, old and young. So this is true of Christ. **All** need Him, His pardon, His gift of life. The king needs **His** strength (Ps. 21: 1-7), so does the beggar (Lu. 18: 38). The old find consolation in Him (2: 25); the young, true wisdom (II Tim. 3: 15). The rich are sorrowful without Him (Mat. 19: 22). All are **dead** in sin (Eph. 2: 1, 2); all need the life Christ imparts (John 6: 27, 33, 50). Bread has a hidden virtue which can be known only by **taste.** So we say of Christ: "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34: 8).

All who trust in Christ delight in Him; they desire to have more and more of him (I Pet. 2: 2, 3). As bread brings life, nourishment, strength, when eaten, so when **refused** it means weakness, faintness, decline, and death (Gen. 47: 13; Lu. 15: 14; comp. Amos 8: 11). How tragic a position to be **without** Christ! To refuse Him is to refuse life, and then death is the only alternative (Eph. 2: 12; 4: 18, 19).

Questions on the Lesson

What do you think prompted Jesus to feed the multitude? Why do you think He used the boy's lunch? Why did He have the people arranged in companies of fifty each? What

did Jesus do when He took the loaves and fishes? What part did the disciples play in the incident? Why is willful waste displeasing to the Lord? How may we help Jesus serve others today? What did this incident show the people about Jesus? What did Jesus further teach the people about Himself? Show how He is the source of spiritual life.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

FIFTH EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting convened with Arapahoe Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in November, 1942. Rev. J. C. Griffin led the opening song service, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Prescott. Rev. Clifton Rice, the new moderator, took charge of the meeting, and prayer was offered by him. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches was called and twenty-seven responded to the roll call. There were six ministers present. Rev. Clinton Lupton preached the eleven o'clock sermon. On the account of the unsettled condition of the weather, the Saturday night service was called off. Dinner was spread on the church grounds at the noon hour and all enjoyed the fine things to eat.

After the lunch hour was over, the union re-assembled for business. The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. A special prayer was offered for Sister Ella Barnes who is seriously sick. This prayer was led by Rev. Calvin Bennett. Rev. Clifton Rice gave a report on the sending out of the tracts which the union helped to finance and told of the great need of these religious tracts.

Treasurer's Report

Received at this union	$91.67
Special collection for the Orphanage	20.00
Total	$111.67

Disbursements

To the Orphanage $30 plus $20	$ 50.00
To National Education	20.00
To Anna Phillips Loan Fund	20.00
To Finance Corporation	15.00
To the clerk of the union	5.00
Total paid out	$110.00
Balance in the treasury	$1.67

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Arapahoe Church and community for the kind hospitality shown this session of the union. The union adjourned by a song and prayer to meet with Core Creek Church in Craven County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1943.

Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Union Meeting of the Third District of the Eastern Conference convened with Christian Chapel Church in Lenoir County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1942.

After organizing the Union prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Jernigan. The Moderator made some remarks and welcomed all visitors. The list of ministers was called and eight responded to their name and two represented by letter.

Twenty-two churches were represented. The 11 o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. D. W. Hansley, using for his subject, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." After the sermon dinner was spread on the yard by ladies of the church and community. After the social hour the union reassembled for business. Bro. S. A. Smith made some remarks about Brothers Sam and Rashie Kennedy attending the Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, after which an offering was taken for them.

All the old officers were re-elected for the coming year. A rising vote of thanks was extended to this church and community for the hospitality shown this session of the union.

The union adjourned with song and prayer to meet with the church at Snow Hill in Duplin County, Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, with Rev. Loyd Vernon to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Loyd Vernon, Moderator,
Leslie Kennedy, Clerk

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference which is to be held with Kings Cross Roads church, Pitt county, on January 31, 1943. (Time E. W. T.)

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Mrs. Charlie Paton Wainright
10:15—Address of welcome by Miss Annie Laurig Wooten
—Response by M. A. Woodard
10:30—Business period and remarks by the president and appointment of committees
11:00—Congregational singing directed by Mrs. Ethel Moye
11:15—Sermon by D. W. Alexander
12:15—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:15—Congregational singing directed by Mrs. Ethel Moye
1:30—Business period and minutes of last meeting read
—Roll call and oral reports given by delegates
—Report of committees, etc.
2:00—Program by local church
2:30—Round table discussion led by Mrs. H. L. Spivey: How Can We Improve the Interest of our Church Membership in the Sunday School work?
2:45—Special music by Mrs. Ethel Moye
3:00—Adjournment

By the committee:
L. A. Fulford,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Mrs. Jessie Farish,

NOTICE TO UNION MEETING CLERKS

This is to advise the Union Meeting clerks to send in their Union Reports early after each Union has convened, or else the Editor will not publish them in the Baptist paper. Union reports about three months late make poor news for the Baptist readers.—R. B. Spencer, Editor.

Boys and Girls Corner

LITTLE SAMUEL BROUGHT TO ELI

The name of Samuel's father was Elkanah. His mother's name was Hannah. Hannah was very fond of her boy, but, because of a vow she made before he was born, she took Samuel, when he was a little child, to serve Jehovah in the tabernacle as long as he lived. He never went back to live at home again.

While he was yet a tiny, little fellow his mother placed him in the home of Eli, the high priest, that there he might "minister unto the Lord."

Every year Samuel's mother went to the home of Eli and took little Samuel a new coat which she had made.

The good priest always blessed the father and mother of Samuel because they had lent their boy to the service of the Lord.

When Eli, the priest, had grown old, and his eyes had become dim, he was made very sad because his own sons were very wicked. Samuel was his greatest comfort.

One night after Eli had gone to bed and Samuel was also in his own bed asleep, the Lord called to Samuel. He answered at once, then ran quickly to Eli, supposing that the call he heard was the call for Eli.

Eli told Samuel he had not called him. He told him to go lie down again.

But Samuel heard some one call him the second time, and the third time.

Each time he ran to Eli promptly to see what he wanted with him.

Each time Eli told him he had not called.

Then Eli told Samuel it was the Lord that had called him, and told him if he heard another call he should say: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

So God did call again and when Samuel answered the Lord told him that He was going to destroy the house of Eli, on account of the wickedness of his sons.

And in the morning Eli called him to himself and asked him what the Lord had told him. It was a dreadful thing for the little boy to say to the kind old man who had done so much for him, but he repeated everything which the Lord had said to him.

And Eli was not angry. He only said: "It is the Lord. Let him do what seemeth him good."

Not long after both of Eli's sons were killed in battle, and the ark of the Lord was captured by the Philistines. When Eli heard that the ark was taken he fell off a high place where he was sitting and was killed.

THE BURIED FLOWER

Mrs. S. H. Bradford

In the course of his wanderings among the Pyramids of Egypt, Lord Lindsay, the celebrated English traveller, accidentally came across a mummy, the inscription upon which proved to be at least two thousand years old. In examining the mummy after it was carefully unwrapped, he found enclosed in one of its hands a small round root. Wondering how long vegetable life could last, he took the little bulb from that closed hand and planted it in a sunny soil, allowed the dew and rains of heaven to descend upon it, and in course of time, a few weeks, to his astonishment and joy that root burst forth and bloomed into a beautiful flower.

Two thousand years ago a flower
Bloomed lightly in a far off land;
Two thousand years ago its seed
Was planted within a dead man's hand.

Before the Saviour came to earth
That man had lived and loved and died,
And even in that far-off time
The flower had spread its perfume wide.

Suns rose and set, years came and went;
The dead hand kept its treasure well:
Nations were born and turned to dust,
While life was hidden in that shell.

The shriveled hand is robbed at last;
The seed is buried in the earth.
When lo! the life long hidden there
Into a glorious flow'r burst forth.

Just such a plant as that which grew
Just such a flower in Egypt bloomed,
From such a seed when buried low,
And died two thousand years ago.

And will not He who watched the seed
And kept the life within the shell,
When those He loves are laid to rest,
Watch o'er their buried dust as well?

And will not He from 'neath the sod
Cause something glorious to arise?
Aye! though it sleep two thousand years,
Yet all that buried dust shall rise.

Just such a face as greets you now,
Just such a form as here we bear,
Only more glorious far, will rise
To meet the Savior in the air.

Then will I lay me down in peace
When called to leave the vale of tears,
For "in my flesh shall I see God,"
E'en though I sleep two thousand years.

—Copied from an old book.

THE BEST MEMORY SYSTEM

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls on you
The moment you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, what'er its measure;
Remember praise by others won
And pass it on with pleasure;

Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living;
Forget each worry and distress,
Be hopeful and forgiving;
Remember good, remember truth,
Remember heaven's above you,
And you will find, through age and youth,
That many hearts will love you.
—Author Unknown

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Tupelo, Mississippi

I am happy to list the following as new subscribers to our Orphanage Fund for the past 30 days. We commend our people for the interest that is being manifest in this work and trust that those who have not already subscribed to this fund will do so at an early date as we need funds on hand to purchase property with just as soon as we find the right place. There is no more worthy cause to invest part of your income in than this phase of the Lord's work.

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		21.00
Grand Total		$317.50

L. E. Duncan, Secretary

THE SAVIOUR GOING TO THE HEAVENLY HOME

And now the time had come for the Saviour to go to the wonderful home which He had promised to His disciples.

He had often told them that He must go away, and that they were to stay and tell the world about Him until the time came to each of them to go to Him.

So one day He took them out to a hill, a little way out of Jerusalem, where He talked to them for the last time, and at last He lifted up His hands and blessed them, when He was lifted up out of their sight, blessing them as He went.

And they never forgot his promise that they should come to Him when their time came, and always looked forward eagerly to the time when He should call them home.

And always they kept in mind all He had said to them, and did what they knew He wanted them to do.

PERILOUS CAREER

James A. Sanaker

The preacher's wife must know the arts
And also be quite handy
In mending sox or broken hearts
Or pulling taffy candy.

She must be sweet and neat and kind
And never stir up strife;
But show by every word and deed
That she's a model wife.

She must know how to lead a choir
And transpose any hymn;
She also has to poke the fire
When janitors lack vim.

The preacher's wife must be on call
To comfort, train or teach,
But she must never, never, never,
Never try to preach.
—Selected

PROGRAM

The Union meeting of the Second District of the Western Association will meet with the church at Flood's Chapel, five miles from Bailey, North Carolina, on January 30, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Opening song by the congregation
—Devotions conducted by Rev. Dee Bissette
—Moderator appoints the various committees
—Welcome address by J. D. Bissette, Jr.
—Response by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Roll call of ministers
—Reading and approving of the minutes
11:00—Sermon by Rev. B. B. Richardson
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song by congregation
—Devotional led by Rev. J. Frank Parrish
—Business session
—Report of various committees
3:00—Adjournment

The Committee:
Mrs. N. E. Strickland,
Mrs. Vida M. Nixon

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezek. 36: 26.

Great God, create my heart anew,
And form my spirit pure and true;
Oh make me wise betimes to spy
My danger and my remedy.

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And a brain to use if you would be wise,
With this equipment they all began.
So start from the top and say, "I can."

Look them over, the wise and the great,
They take their food from a common plate,
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes,
The world considers them brave and smart,
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,
You can be great if you only will.
You're well equipped for what fight you choose;
You have arms and legs and a brain to use,
And the man who has risen great deeds to do
Began life with no more than you.

YOU are the handicap you must face,
You are the one who must choose your place.
You must say where you want to go,
How much you will study the truth to know;
God has equipped you for life, but He
Lets you decide what you want to be.

Courage must come from the soul within
The man must furnish the will to win.
So figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You were born with all that the great have had,
With your equipment they all began,
Get hold of yourself and say: "I can."

—Anon.

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A New Year's Wish

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."—Num. 6: 24-26.

God bless thee and keep thee thro' the coming days,
Give to thy service here His rich increase,
Make His light shine yet brighter on thy ways,
And crown thee with His own abiding peace!

Cause thee to prove His all-sufficient grace,
The fulness of His Spirit's power bestow;
Supply the daily strength to run the race,
And teach thee His blest will to do and know!

Grant thee His presence felt, in woe and weal,
And evermore His joy—all joys above;
Speak to thine heart more clearly and reveal
The heights and depths of His unfathomed love!

God bless and keep thee thro' the heat of day,
Beneath His shield safe-sheltered from all harm,
And when the hours of toil have passed away,
Grant a bright eventide, and sunset calm!

Then, when all fleeting years of time are gone—
Their joys and sorrows as a watch of night—
With the fair sunrise of a summer morn
Shall dawn the glory of eternal light.

—J. H. S.

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EDITORIAL

MORE FULL-TIME CHURCHES

From recent reports which have come to us, we observe that some churches, formerly running on single or half-time schedule for the month, in urban centers particularly, have gone on full-time basis for Sunday services. Upon seeing the need of having regular church services every Sunday, they have decided to elect pastors for full-time work. Realizing in this modern age the one Sunday a month, or two Sundays a month services were not accomplishing for the church people the desired results, such churches have decided to try the full-time plan of holding services every Sunday.

The idea is self-evident, to say the least. Each congregation, living in an urban center, or in a thickly settled rural community, should be privileged to attend its own religious services each Sunday. Two worship services, the eleven o'clock service in the morning and the eight o'clock evening service furnish regular Sunday-service periods for devotion and meditation upon spiritual matters. Regular habits of church attendance can thus be formed when the church members know religious services will be held at their church on each Lord's Day. It is quite evident, too, that more real good can be obtained, on the part of all phases of the church work, by the pastor and the Church people when their church is running on full-time schedule rather than once or twice a month.

We believe more city, town and country churches in our denomination should look forward to adopting the full-time plan of services as soon as it seems practicable for them to do so. There are some town and rural churches, whose membership and financial standing are amply adequate to justify such a change, that should move up to full-time services. Regular services each Sunday give the "faithful few" an opportunity to worship God each Lord's Day in their own church. Casual church goers and visitors are given thereby a chance to worship in that particular church, if they so desire. Young people and children, instead of leaving when Sunday School is out, can form the habit of staying for church services. Regular church attendance like regular Sunday School attendance is what counts most for the good of the youth. With full-time services being held each Lord's Day in the church, closer ties of love and devotion become instilled more and more in the hearts of many for the sacredness of God's house, and for the real Christian fellowship of the congregation one with another. With the pastor permanently located and living in the midst of his congregation, his daily walk and spiritual contact with the membership of the church will greatly benefit the work as a whole and build up the spiritual attitude of the membership of the congregation, if he is a truly consecrated servant of the Lord, and has a yearning heart for the building up of God's kingdom among the people.

NOTICE TO UNION MEETING CLERKS

This is to advise the Union Meeting clerks to send in their Union Reports early after each Union has convened, or else the Editor will not publish them in the Baptist paper. Union reports about three months late make poor news for the Baptist readers.—R. B. Spencer, Editor.

NOTICE

I hereby wish to notify all persons, who may wish to correspond with me, that my address is no longer Goldsboro, North Carolina, Route 3. My present address is P. O. Box 83, Lucama, North Carolina.

Rev. M. L. Johnson

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NOT ENOUGH

By Elder Colonel Pendleton

I believe in every "converted" person being connected with the church of his choice. I am a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Yes, I advise every saved person to have "A Church Home," for those who have no church home remind me of "a hobo", stopping most every where, and welcome no where. As I understand the word of God, according to Acts 2:47 (R. V.), "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved," converted people are to take membership with the church. Also, in John 13: 35, we read, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Now, let us remember that everything in life worth while must stand a very rigid test. There is nothing that must be tested more than a Christian. Remember, that Jesus was tested tremendously by both wicked men and devils, (Matt. 4: 1-11). His disciples were tested and you and I will be tested. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3: 12). Please take notice that it takes the genuine or pure in heart to stand the real test.

Yes, only the ones who have truly repented, believed and are "born again" can stand the final test. The false, under tests and trials, falter and give up as did, Demas, said Paul, "Hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica" (2 Tim. 4: 10-). To be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ means something. It is far more than a mere profession. Merely to profess and not possess gets one nowhere. There are great multitudes who belong to some church, but lack vital salvation. It is so easy to take "church joining" for Christianity. To be a church member is one thing; to be a true disciple is quite another thing.

One may not belong to any church, or denomination, and yet be a faith-

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A TIME FOR CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

I contend that the Church today has not enough spiritual passion in it to save the world if given a good opportunity.

Perhaps some will not accept this statement but that will not prove it is untrue. To deny it, we would have to show that the Church of this generation has never had a chance to save the world. That would be difficult. In fact, we have already had as good opportunity to save the world as we shall ever have. The Church has had its hour when it was neither in prison nor poor nor few in number—and the world was available.

Of course, we have been confronted with sin, but to use the opposition of sin to explain our failure is simply to acknowledge it—like a physician who could cure his patient were it not for the disease. We shall never have any better opportunity to win the world than we have already had. Success will come, not by improving our chances, but by improving ourselves. With our vast numbers and power, the spiritual passion of the apostolic Church would carry Christ to the last frontier and put his spirit in every phase of the social order. We do not need a better opportunity, nor shall we ever have one, but we need a better spirit.

We church people need to do some serious thinking. There are forty-nine millions of us in America now and the world is not going to take us seriously very much longer unless we show some improvements with our profession and numbers. To be sure, we can recite a long list of achievements, but we nearly always lose our objectives when we look at that side of things. Only something of size and number can be called worthy when thought of as the work of forty-nine million people. The statistics of church work show around 50 million people while we are grateful for what was accomplished, it remains a fact that we did not successfully challenge a single major evil in American life last year. Though our history shows that people are peculiarly responsive to the appeals of the gospel in times of suffering and that all our great religious movements have followed a period of depression, yet in this critical hour we have not been able to utter the compelling word. True, there had been an increase, but no revival of religion is sweeping the land. For this increase we are grateful, but we are not elated over it for our weakness to begin with was not in numbers. What we need is a new pattern—not simply more people cut by the old pattern. There are plenty of us for any conceivable task. Fifty-one millions of our kind will not accomplish a great deal more than fifty millions of our kind. It seems to me that the type of religion we have had is not going to be sufficient, and the proof of this statement lies in the fact that it is not sufficient now. Evils are not in flight before us nor is there any panic in the councils of the ungodly.

Really, instead of flight, evil has turned on the Church and seeking to bury it beneath a public eye of criticism. Our first impulse is to fly to the Church's defense and beat off these enemies who would destroy her, but we know that criticism cannot be made to stand up if it is totally false. Even reasonable propaganda must have a portion of truth to give it the carrying power. Rather than undertaking to hurl the enemy back we shall be wiser if in an attitude of prayer. We ask why the enemy selected the particular charges he did to bring against us.

Here we have a strange situation: no one has yet attacked the Church for being good. What it is charged with is not being good. The world charges the Church with having become worldly. We are certain the charge is not the whole truth for the world would be too gratified at that to be critical, but we are equally certain that there is enough truth in the charge to make its complete denial impossible. Our deepest seated fear is that the Church is today in that lukewarm state where it is a little too spiritual to escape the world's criticism and not spiritual enough to compel its respect.

Perhaps we have a false sense of security created by superior numbers. It is easy to suppose that so many people as are in the Church simply could not be seriously wrong, yet it was not of sinners, but of the Church, that Jesus said, "If the salt have lost its savor, it is henceforth good for nothing." Certainly, there is no chance of re-vitalizing the Church until we abandon these notions that she is above criticism. Humiliation, not pride, is the path to new spiritual power. Confession of failure, not defense of it, brings the spiritual rebirth that sets men building a new earth. History amply shows that the Church can fail, and it then finds its way back to God only by repentance and a new consecration. Surely it is a time for serious thought, for confession and for prayer.

OUR FREEDOM OF WILL

May I suggest a threefold answer to the question, Why does God permit war? First, **war is here in consequence of man's free will.** God's permission of war is bound up with His permission of evil generally. All war goes back to the evil thoughts and ways of men. But why should God allow evil at all? Because if man had not the power to be bad, neither would he have the power to be good.

God might have made men mere puppets with no choice but to do good. But virtue is the deliberate choice of right in the face of the temptation and opportunity to do wrong. The door to evil must be open to make righteousness possible. God would have had to make man on a lower plane than He has,—animal or machine,—to have made man incapable of evil. But instead, God has given man the dignity of moral responsibility. The evils of war are just a part, though a very terrible part of the evils of this world. Evil is here in consequence of man's wrong exercise of his freedom of choice, therefore war is here, too as a part of man's misuse of his free will.

—Clipped.

RIVENBARK TO OBSERVE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Church Has Shown Steady Growth During Pastorate

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, celebrates his sixth anniversary as pastor Sunday. During the present pastorate the church has grown from a small one-room auditorium, to an enlargement of the auditorium and a new educational building, and the church has a full-time program. Despite the fact

Rev. Rivenbark

there are a large number of young men in the armed forces of the country, there are large congregations to hear Rev. Mr. Rivenbark's inspiring messages each Lord's day.

In the evening service tomorrow each department of the church will make a brief report to the church, as of the gains during the past year.

Rev. Mr. Rivenbark will use the following topics Sunday: 11 A. M., "Three Shifts"; 7:30 P. M., "Three Men."

—By a Friend

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer."

THE ROAD OF LIFE

(Based on the story of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15: 11-32.)

In this scripture of the story of the Prodigal Son, we find that in the beginning, when this young son asked his father for his portion of the goods, it seemed to be all right. But in the end, it brought disaster and regret to him. The father had given unto him his part of the goods, and here the boy stood at the cross roads of life. He had the chance to choose the road which he would take. If he chose one road, he would have peace and contentment, but if he chose the other, it would lead to disappointment and sorrow.

He stood at the cross roads of his life, and chose the wrong road. It led to destruction and ruin. If he had chosen to stay with his father, all would have been well with him. But he chose the wrong road in life. There are little things in our lives which seem to be all right in the beginning, but if we keep clinging to them they will lead us off from the straight way. No matter how small the beginning of things look, they have an end somewhere, and if bad they lead us to destruction.

There are little sins that as they grow will lead to big sins in the end. In the Prodigal Son story, we find that the boy came back to his father, and he received him joyfully. But there are many who choose the wrong road that never turn back to God. They keep travelling down the broad way, and die away from their father in their sins. If we have turned from God, and are walking this way, I urge you to turn back to God. Let us turn back unto the Father who will welcome us joyfully, as this father welcomed his son into his home.

If we are trying to hold to the faith, and to the world, too, then may God help us to make a decision as this boy made. Let us as a "so-called Christian nation" say, "I will arise and go to my father, and say unto him, I have sinned against heaven and thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son, make me one of thy servants."

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes

LETTER FROM SANATORIUM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." —Isaiah 1: 18.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."—Rev. 3: 20, 21.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."—Jon. 7: 38.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."—Ps. 119: 11.

I want to say to the readers of the Baptist paper that I desire your prayers, that I may be ready when the Son of man cometh for me. I do want to be in that number when the saints go marching into glory. Pray also for my loved ones at home. I want them to be drawn closer to the Lord.

Remember, Satan will not lead you to live a happy life if you follow in his way. Please pray that I may soon recover and be able to go back home if it can be God's will. I shall be very glad to hear from the dear people, if some will write to me. My address is Mrs. John Rhodes, Sanatorium, North Carolina.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. John Rhodes

"Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain:
But Christ the heavenly Lamb
Takes all our sins away,
A Sacrifice of nobler Name
And richer blood than they."

—Sel.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Two Rulers

"When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov. 29:2). The trouble with this world today is that wicked rulers have thrown the world into this destructive war. Of course the devil, that old deceiver; Satan the enemy of God is really ruling the hearts of rulers—he started the war. But praise the Lord Jesus will rule some time.

Four Fools As Set Forth In Scripture

Webster says that a "fool is a person that pursues a course contrary to the dictates of reason." A fool is not the person who does not have the power of reason, but one who is capable of knowing the truth and will not accept that truth. The first fool that we shall mention is—THE FOO LINFIDEL. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God" (Psa. 14: 1). Certainly this is contrary to reason. It is unreasonable for any person to say that there is no God to create and set in action the universe. The bursting buds of spring and the fruits of harvest; kind begetting its kind; the sun, the moon, and the stars, and the seasons together with all the things that we see, all tell us that there is a God back of it all.

The Second Fool

"A fool despiseth the instruction of his father" (Prov. 15:5). No doubt that the so-called "Prodigal Son" belonged to this class. He despised the instructions of his father and wanted to get out from under these instructions, therefore he said, "Give me my portion of goods." He got what he asked for and went out to direct himself. No longer to take that despised advice from his father, but when he had spent all and reached the end of his spending, and stood penniless, foodless and hungry and in want, he wanted to get back where he could get the advice along with something to eat and wear, at the hands of that father whom he had left years before. There are such "fools" today, as there have always been, and always will be, but as "Billy" Sunday said, "The chickens will come home to roost."

The Third Fool

This "fool" was a farmer. This farmer had left God out of his business. Only a "fool" will ignore God. The man who is reasonable will farm along with the assurance that he cannot farm successfully without God. Listen at this fellow, who says, "My fields," "my grain," "my barns," and goes on to say, "I will tear down and build," He reached the climax by saying, "I will say, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19). But listen, God speaks. This message of God changes things about the old farmer's home. No longer did he need the great harvest—no barns did he need. His need was something different. He had played the fool. God says, "Thou fool, this night thy soul is required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided" (Luke 12:20).

Eternity alone can reveal how many fools that there are along in this class. Fools have thought that they could feed their poor souls on the perishable things of this world. They provided for the natural man and left the spiritual man to starve and wake up finally in a DEMON'S HELL. Poor unreasonable man. God says, "Thou fool."

The Fourth Fool

"A fool makes a mock at sin" (Prov. 14:9). The Standard American Edition of the Revised Version of the Bible reads, "A trespass offering mocketh fools." Unreasonable persons are those who will not go according to the dictates of reason. It is foolish for an unsaved person to make an offering unto God. The only offering that a sinner can make unto God is himself. Paul said, "Ye first gave yourselves." It is foolish for a sinner; that is, an unsaved person to pray for the blessings that God gives to the righteous. It is mockery to offer God anything out of a life of sin. God does not save men in their sins, God saves us from our sins. To try to please God in an unsaved state is foolish—it is unreasonable. Only those who have confessed their sin—turned away from their sin—given themselves wholly unto God, through faith in the Lord Jesus, can begin to live in the pleasure of God's will. Don't be a fool. Act with reason, begin at once to "pursue the course according to reason." Listen, this is God's reasoning, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life: but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36 R. V.). "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God" (I John 5:1). Act with reason. Do it now. If you wait until it is too late you play the part of the FOOL—the UNREASONABLE PERSON.

PROGRAM

This is the program for the Second Union of the Western Association which is to be held with Union Grove Church in Wayne County on January 30, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. A. R. Flowers
10:15—Enrollment of ministers and business period
11:00—A talk: "The Needs of our Denomination," by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
11:15—Song by the congregation
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford
12:15—Lunch Hour

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions led by Rev. M. L. Johnson
1:30—Business period
—Report of Finance Committee
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing song by the congregation and benediction

By the Committee

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ful follower of Christ, while another may be a member of some church, and at the same time be a great sinner, or a hypocrite.

Doing good deeds doesn't make one a Christian. Every true follower of Christ does all the good he can, but merely to be employed in doing good doesn't mean that one is a true Christian. Brother Paul said, "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, (or divine love) it profiteth me nothing" (1 Cor. 13: 3). If good works would save us, then why was it necessary for Jesus to die for our sins? The paying of "tithes" is not a test, nor a sign of salvation, as good and important as it is. And I am led to say that nothing will ever solve the financial problem of sending the gospel throughout the earth, but the tithing plan. The very least we should think of giving to God's cause is the tenth of our income. Not only so, but we should give offerings out of the remaining nine tenths, however, it is possible to do all this and not be a real Christian. The acid test of discipleship is love.

In the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul climaxes this wonderful chapter thus: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, (or love) these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Our blessed Lord taught us that our first duty is to love God supremely, and the second is to love our fellow beings as our selves. And He said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." By this we see that in order to be a child of God, and be fit to become a member of the church, we must have the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, "By the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The disciples of our Lord were to prove their true discipleship to the world by their love one for another, and for all mankind. Yea, even for their enemies. "But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hateth you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you" (Luke 6: 27-28). It is very commendable to do good works, give of our earthly substance, pray, visit the sick, speak kindly to all men, and join the church. But nothing will take the place of love. Now, first of all, hear God's word, let the Holy Spirit bring conviction, or godly sorrow to your heart, which will work repentance, then believe on Jesus to be born again, for we read in, 1 John 5: 1 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." Then when you are born of God, join the church, be baptized, take the Lord's supper, wash the saint's feet, bring all the tithes into the storehouse. According to Malachi 3: 10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD OF HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Then, be faithful in attendance upon your church. Thus, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now, in closing let us read, 1 Peter 2 :1, 3, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings. As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." As growing is adding to, so we will find that as we grow in grace, we must add; so let us read, 2 Peter 1: 4-11, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Now, I want it fully understood that I am not fighting church joining, by no means. But I want people "converted," "saved," "born again," before they join. There is nothing that will express my views on this subject better than a part of the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant, which I give in closing. I quote, "Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearances of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages; and to provide things honest in the sight of all men. We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in "Grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, for its poor and for all its benevolent works. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we

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Home of Rev. William Marks near Reynolds, Nebraska

THE OLD COUNTRY REVIVAL

(A Monologue by Mrs. H. A. Wheeler, Writer of F. W. Baptist Early History.)

First let me present the accompanying pictures: The home of Rev. William Marks, located near Reynolds, Nebraska, and which still stands, marks the stopping place for all traveling ministers. He (a nephew of Rev. David Marks of the Noble seven, together with his father the Rev. Ives Marks) were pioneer preachers of Nebraska, Ives being a brother of David. The writer, Mrs. H. A. Wheeler, then 5 years old, stands to her father's right by the porch where he is sitting. Willie, the youngest Marks boy, sits at his fathers feet on a rock, Matthew and Walter, the two older boys, are lined up close by against the house, while the Barnes boys of a neighbor's family, are at the extreme corner of the house. The man and wife on the porch were keeping house for us as mother (Charlotte Marks, now 90 and still living) was visiting her mother in England. Their name was Andrews.

The group of ministers was taken at Geneva, Nebraska. They were in attendance there of a Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting. My father, William Marks, is the tallest black bearded man, fourth from the right, back row. Rev. Joseph Westley is at his left, then Revs. Murphy and Baker. To his right is Rev. Daisy. The next or second to his right I can't name. The fourth to right is Rev. Chase and the fifth Elder Bouk. On the front row at the left of picture is Elder Knapp. The next I fail to name. The third from left is Auger I think. The fourth is Rev. Hasty and fifth father Root. The sixth I am not sure of and the seventh is Rev. Morril and eighth Rev. Huntly. This was a most wonderful group of powerful men of God, most all fine singers and captivating pulpit orators, many of whom were college men. The following MONOLOGUE creeps out of the mind of Mrs. Wheeler's childhood memories, picturing the revivals of those days.

HARK—A knock at the door. Well, well, and if it isn't elder Smith and the whole family. Come right in. Oh how glad we are that you've come. Wife set on six more plates. You are just in time for supper and to go with us to the revival. You'll stay a week at least, I'm sure, for it's all of thirty miles you've come. Heard of our great revival? Of the great sermons and crowds? Seekers nigh on to a hundred? Worst of sinners being saved? Amen corner crowded? Testimonies many at a time? Why, it's just wonderful. All the country is stirred up, and it's spreading like wildfire.

Boys, run out and put their team in the barn. They'll ride in our wagan to Three Fords. Presume you drove old Jerry and Mike as usual for they sure can cover the ground. Yes, the revival fire is spreading. One is on at Prairie Creek. Great crowds and many saved. At Rat Tail school house also there is a glorious awakening with the most unusual conversions and interest. Rock Center has been in a revival most on to six weeks now and no end in sight yet. Praise the Lord!

Johnnie, did you fill the wood box and whittle kindling for starting the fire in the morning? It's plenty cold. Freddie here's the skimmed milk for those two calves. Did you fellows finish milking and strain it in those tin pans in the center of the cave? You'll need the lantern to see.

Group of F. W. B. Ministers, Geneva, Nebraska

We'll just throw the spread over the table for all will want a snack when we get home. Hark! I do declare, just hear the rigs rattling by already. We'll have to hurry or we won't get inside even. Here, put old tabby out or she'll be on top of the table. Rover, too, he'll need to watch the wolves off or locate some meddling polecat or tree a coon. I'll blow out the light and see that plenty of wood is in the stove and drafts shut down. Be sure you shut the door mother. Here, Jimmie, lift this spring seat up for Elder Smith and the two women: a couple of planks will do for you young folks, and two chairs for some one we may pick up. Toss this hay in the back, leave the back-end gate out so folks along the way can climb in easily. Lift the children in and toss up the blankets for its plenty snappy tonight. You and I will handle the reins standing by the front end-gate. Just hang the lantern on the center. Watch out now, everybody hang on for old Bill and Maud are rearing to go. Bumpty-Bump, all cheeks trembling, squeakety skueek and ramble terumble away we go. A lantern ahead—woa! It's neighbor Jones. Jump in, plenty room. Notice that Brown's light just went out. Here they come to the gate. Hop in. Room for many more. Who's that behind us? Listen! They are singing. Let us all join in. "Turn to the Lord and seek salvation, sound the praise of His dear name, Glory, honor and salvation, Christ the Lord has come to reign." Hark! all ahead of us have joined in. What a chorus on the frosty air! Pitter-patter, pitter-patter. Well, well, it's a lot of young folks on horse back galloping by. A buggy load, and still another passes by laying on the gad. Presume they fear getting a seat. Two men on foot. Hop on the side, always room for one more. Hark! ahead of us all are singing, "Oh happy day that fixed my choice on Thee my Saviour and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice and tell its rapture all abroad" Say, we are all an eighth of a mile from the church, and look! Wagons, buggies, buckboards, riding horses and mules line the field fence posts even this far away. We may not even get in, but we'll elbow our way through if we have to sit in the "Amen corner" or on the altar railing. Listen! They are singing, "We Praise Thee Oh God, for the Son of Thy Love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above."—Sermon preacher—Hell, Heaven, and Judgment, Mercy, Love and Salvation—all driven by the sledge hammer of God's truth. Invitation given, altar filled and re-filled. Tears, shouts—victories for God and Satan defeated.

Six weeks pass by and it seems but a day, for everyone took an interest and no sacrifice was too great. Call for membership made, Line upon line crowd to the chancel rail and take the church vows. The morning's clear, the creek peaceful. One by one, over one hundred are buried in baptism to rise and walk in newness of life as the crowd sings, "Shall We Gather at the River," "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," "Just As I Am without One Plea." The closing chorus is sung with tears of joy, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again."

Who could but say Amen and Amen!

No—Revivals are not things of the past—just hampered by the trash-filled avenues preventing the flow of power from heaven's storehouse to earth's needy fields.

Revivals were preyed down, believed down, lived down, and are the result of sufficient petitions coming up before God as sweet incense to draw his attention and cause an angel to drop a coal from heaven's altar that starts a spiritual fire we call a revival, which burns out the old sinful natures of man, making him a new creature in Christ Jesus, quickens believers, opens mouths to testimony, hearts to prayer, turns steps toward the house of worship, changes the conversations from the world to things of the kingdom and opens the pocketbooks toward Jerusalem.

The Lord who leads in all revivals makes the church and all its departments Christ cultured and not, as many are, clubs with Christ crowded out.

This real work of grace brings in new members who are a born again group and not a mere list of names added who are afraid of God because of never making His acquaintance. The Word says, "Perfect love casteth out fear."

May God let the coals begin to fall from heaven's altars and awaken us to ends of a genuine old-time revival, bringing a wave of salvation such as has not been witnessed for many a day. It will require no more than it required at Pentecost.

A CALL TO LOYALTY

By Edward L. Crane

This world is full of trouble sore
With strife on every hand,
It calls for Christians, every one
To take a firmer stand
For things which are more pure and true,
For righteous things and grand,
Until the message of God's love
Is known in every land.

So Christians, heed His call today,
And read His Word anew,
That you may know His matchless Love;
His message pure and true.
Attend the meetings of His church,
If many there or few.
Then share with others every day
His truths both old and new.

Then go to live as Jesus lived,
To do your very best
In helping heavy-laden souls
To find the Saviour's rest.
It fills the soul with peace and joy
To do our Lord's behest,
To live for Him who died to save,
That others may be blessed.

Where ever He may lead us then;
If paths be bright and clear;
Or if the road is rough and hard,
Our Saviour will be near
To help us in our daily walk,
Some other souls to cheer;
And whisper in the trying hour,
"My children, do not fear."

His grace and power to lead us on
In every time of need,
Will give us strength for every day
To plant the living seed;
The Word of God, the living bread,
The hungry soul to feed.
The leading of the Spirit now,
God help us all to heed.

—Selected.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Report for December, 1942

Bal. on Hand Dec. 1, 1942	$3,263.38
Receipts for the month	3,569.96
	$6,833.34
Expenditures	5,121.68
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1942	$1,711.67

James A. Evans, Superintendent.

Expenditures

Salaries	$ 476.40
Office Supplies	6.81
Telephone and Telegraph	24.74
Interest	46.09
Financing and Publicity	29.21
Food	444.83
Clothing	586.44
Refund	39.44
Laundry	46.21
Household Supplies	34.59
Transportation	117.68
Health Supplies	18.56
Lights	39.04
Plant replacement and repair	222.93
Superintendent's Travel	30.00
Farm Supplies	318.29
Farm replacement and repair	181.91
Replacement of Livestock	605.85
Concert Class Expense	5.00
Repayments of Money Borrowed	1,030.00
New Buildings and additions to old ones	221.61
New Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	622.50
	$5,149.13

Receipts for December, 1942

Little Creek Church	$ 34.00
Rock Fish Union	10.00
Roberts Grove Church	1.00
Hugo S. S.	3.00
Ephesus Church	22.05
R. R. Bailey	1.00
Walnut Creek Church	19.00
North Rhyne St. Sunday School	6.00
Prospect League	7.00
Canton F. W. B. Church	6.78
Hickory Grove Church	51.49
Friendship S. S.	15.00
Sandy Plains Church	61.35
Marlboro Church	8.03
Milbourney Church	18.75
Carteret County Union Meeting	27.00
D. R. Forrest	18.50
St. Mary's S. S. (Wilson county)	23.15
Christian Chapel Church	26.65
Sneads Ferry S. S.	1.61
Bethel Church(Johnston county)	15.00
Bethel Church (Pamlico county)	14.60
Corinth Church	25.00
Long Ridge Church	47.63
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Mrs. Guy Carraway	2.00
Milbourney Church and S. S.	10.10
Arapahoe Church	35.00
Goshen Grove Church	25.00
Oak Grove Church (Eastern)	15.00
Leder Brothers, Wilson, N. C.	25.00
Daileys Chapel Church	15.00
White Oak Church (Pee Dee Association)	28.00
Mt. Moriah Church	12.00
Rev. C. H. Honeycutt	2.00
Free Union Church (Central)	37.00
Mt. Tabor Church	9.10
Saratoga Church and S. S.	43.05
Riders Creek Union S. S. of Malachi's Chapel	27.18
Swannanoa Church	2.00
Elwood Lane Church	8.00
Ephesus S. S.	4.80
Spring Branch Church	6.00
Red Hill Church	10.88
Ben Avenue S. S.	7.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. French	10.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	10.00
Union Grove Church Wayne county	21.66
Farm Receipts	13.50
Beaufort Church	2.75
4th Union Auxiliary Convention	21.10
Marsh Swamp Church by Rosa Worley	5.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Nash county	8.64
Farm Receipts	10.00
Bob Pittman Vocal Union	4.50
Mrs. D. H. Tudor	2.00
Thanksgiving Sing, held at Lees Chapel Church in 1942	41.00
Lees Chapel Church	15.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Homers Chapel Church	2.00
Kinston Sunday School	10.00
Pleasant Grove Jr. L. A. S. (Western)	1.50
Beulaville Church	21.27
Farm Receipts	1.70
Individuals	7.00
Farm Receipts	6.00
Leon Griffin	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Corinth L. A. S.	15.00
Entwistle Church	4.79
Dicks Service Station	5.00
J. H. Wright	10.00
Saratoga Church	10.00
W. A. Winfield	50.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	8.00
Fair View Church No. 2	18.51
3rd Eastern Union	25.00
Pleasant Hill L. A. S. (Central)	18.50
Brices Creek Church	19.00
Pilgrims Rest S. S.	3.00
Dildy Hardware and Co.	10.00
Dr. M. M. Sauls	1.00
Gray Branch L. A. S.	2.00
Farm Receipts	7.35
Mr. R. D. Johnson	1.50
St. Mary's Church (Eastern)	112.00
Mable Ave. Church	7.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	75.00
St. Mary's S. S. (Eastern)	6.25
Wardens Grove S. S.	3.80
Micro Sunday School	11.67
Greenville S. S.	11.81
People's Chapel S. S.	5.00
Howell Swamp Church	6.00
Rocky Mount L. A. S.	21.50
5th Eastern Union	50.00
Pauline J. Boyer	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	10.76
Rose of Sharon Church	25.00
Palmetto Chapel S. S.	18.75
Palmetto Chapel Church	3.05
Palmetto Church by Mrs. J. S. Gaskins	10.00
Piny Grove L. A. S., Pitt County	2.90
Lucama-Kenly Bank	10.00
Mrs. Ashton Smith	1.00
LaGrange S. S.	2.86
Cape Fear Union	16.50
Edgewood L. A. S.	18.50
Edgewood Church	18.50
Union Chapel Church	8.55
Union Chapel S. S.	3.76
Rooty Branch Church	27.67
Goldsboro S. S.	5.31
1st Union (Western)	27.65
St. Mary's Church and S. S. (Western)	10.44
Hickory Chapel Church	25.93
Hickory Chapel S. S.	15.39
Hickory Chapel Leagues	5.00
Spring Hope Church	5.00
Mrs. W. E. Warren	5.00
Hickory Chapel Leagues	10.40
Mrs. J. Elmer Weaver and her Sunday School class	1.85
Riverside Church	30.00
Winterville Church	28.85
Cabisco Feed Mills	15.00
Albemarle S. S. Convention	125.36
T. F. Davenport	1.00
Spring Hill Church	39.50
Powhatan L. A. S.	30.00
Hayden Honeycutt	4.00
White Hill S. S.	3.20
Piney Grove Church, Johnston Co.	34.00
Free Union Church, Greene Co.	37.00
Free Union S. S., Greene Co.	15.05
Friendship Church Johnston Co.	30.07
Refund	44.05
Mays Chapel Church	3.50
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Western(	10.00
Farm Receipts	13.50
Aspin Grove Church	37.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	8.00
Rev. T. B. Mellette	2.50
Saratoga Church	10.25
Pine Level S. S.	13.50
Sidney L. A. S.	5.00

Malachi's Chapel Church	18.50
Black Jack Miss. Society	3.00
S. F. High, Jr.	10.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	10.00
Morehead City Church	5.55
Morehead City S. S.	5.00
Smyrna Church	24.50
Winterville L. A. S.	1.00
Juniper Chapel Church	4.75
Macedonia Church	82.38
Black Jack Church	20.00
Black Jack L. A. S.	10.00
Mountain View Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson	22.50
Friendship Jr. L. A. S. (Western)	18.75
Kings X Roads Church	25.06
Rock Springs Church	17.35
Pleasant Hill S. S.	4.44
Davistown Baptist Church	7.11
Winterville S. S.	2.50
Mrs. Stanley Wall	10.00
Lee's Chapel L. A. S.	5.00
Hopewell S. S.	5.00
Pleasant Grove Jr. L. A. S. Wayne County	8.50
J. D. Meeks	5.00
Sound Side Church	10.41
Miss Alice Dail	10.00
Stancils Chapel S. S.	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lewis	10.00
Mrs. Tina Galloway	1.00
Rains X Roads Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	1.00
Mt. Olive League, (Guin, Ala.)	2.00
Marshall Free Will Baptist	75.00
Pee Dee Conference	5.00
Spring Hope Grocery	5.00
Bessie Carraway of Hickory Grove Church	15.00
E. R. Godwin	50.00
Mrs. John R. Murphy	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Harris	5.00
Stoney Hill, S. S.	18.50
Friendship Church, Greene Co.	18.50
Rev. J. C. Moye	74.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	10.00
Milbourney Church	37.00
Hull Road L. A. S.	7.10
Hull Road S. S.	2.90
Friendship S. S. (Western)	3.88
Parkers Chapel S. S.	2.00
Wilson S. S. and Church	9.98
Holly Springs S. S.	3.00
Sound View S. S.	5.00
Rose Bud Church	1.00
Mr. W. A. Winfield	375.00
Terry's Fork Church	8.50
J. B. Speight	30.00
Farm Receipts	17.80
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pate	2.00
Micro L .A. S.	.25
Douglas Finch	5.00
Mary Francis Lewis (A Friend)	1.00
Walter Croom	3.50
Refund	40.15
Sweet Gum Grope Church	18.50
Total	$3,569.96

Value of Donated Commodities

Mrs. E. S. Brown, clothing	$ 3.00
Edgewood L. A. S., household	8.00
Mrs. W. F Beamon, clothing	6.00
Stoney Creek L. A. S., food	27.10
Stoney L. A. S., room furnishings	22.00
Core Creek L. A. S., room furnishings	10.16
J. B. Weaver, food	1.14
Mrs. Appie Flannagan, food	11.50
North Circle of Grantsboro Church, household	4.90
Antioch L. A. S., household and food	66.33
Piney Grove L. A. S., Pitt County, food	6.80
F. W. B. L. A. S. of Circle No. 2, household	5.00
Piney Grove L. A. S., Beaufort County, food and clothing	12.00
Pleasant Plain Church, Johnston County, household, clothing, food	71.25
Mrs. Beulah Jones, clothing	11.26
Free Union L. A. S., Beaufort County, household	3.00
Malachi's Chapel L. A. S., household	9.00
New Sandy Hill Church L. A. S., food	20.85
Everetts Chapel Church, food	4.25
Home-Makers S. S. Class of Edgemont Church, household	19.80
Free Union Church, Nash County, food and household	16.65
Pleasant Plain Church, room furnishings	24.40
Selma Church and League, room furnishings	8.07
Friendship L. A. S., Johnston County, food	28.90
Branch Chapel Church, food	1.05
Union Grove L. A. S. (Wayne County), food	12.25
Hickory Grove Church L. A. S., (Pitt County), household	12.50
Shiloh L. A. S., household	5.00
St. Paul Church, food	30.50
St. Paul Missionary Society, room furnishings	35.00
Mrs. W. G. Day, clothing	3.00
White Oak L. A. S., (Bladen County), household	5.00
Dublin Grove L. A. S., household	8.35
Marlboro L. A. S., food	35.00
French Broad Association, food and clothing	299.68
Core Creek L. A. S., food	8.50
Core Creek L. A. S., clothing	32.76
Mt. Tabor L. A. S., household	3.00
Total	$892.95

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NOT ENOUGH

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are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises "Supreme," counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and that His will may be done in earth as it is in heaven; to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly; and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

May the Lord bless all who read this is the prayer of your humble brother. Pray for me.

"Arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands:
My name is written on His hands."

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11 Give us this day our [f]daily bread.

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JESUS AFFIRMS HIS DEITY

(Lesson for February 7)

Lesson: John 8:12, 25-36, 56-59.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

So from the dawn of human history until the simple but sincere question of Philip, men have said unto God: "Shew us the Father."

Moses had re-echoed the longing of the human heart to see God when he implored Him, "I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory." (Exo. 33:18). A gracious God partially granted his desire and caused a part of His visible glory to pass before this faithful servant.

Listen to Job plaintively inquiring, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him"! (Job 23:3). The passage from which this verse is taken further proves that unsatisfied desire of the soul to see God. A desire to be fulfilled only in the Incarnation of the Son of God.

The Psalmist takes up the cry in real earnest: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the Living God" (Ps. 41: 1, 2). Could there be any more intense language used of one whose every desire is bent on knowing God in the fullness of His personality? This soul has known Him by faith, but would now enjoy Him by sight.

Our Lord was good in allowing the puzzled mind of Philip to here be exposed, so that we might have the answer to the question of the ages. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." Whatever doubts these disciples may have entertained as to our Lord's complete identity at this juncture, are forever dissolved after the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

And what more could the heart of man desire than that which John records in the Revelation: "Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God"; "And they shall see His face" (Rev. 21:3; 22:4a).

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. Which are the principal witnesses of Christ as the Son of God? (John 1:15; 5:33; 5:36; 5:37; 8:18; 5:39; 8:14).

2. What is the relation between spiritual life and spiritual light? (John 1:4; 8:12).

3. How and by whom was Christ lifted up from the earth, and with what result? (John 8:28; 12:31-34).

4. What are the proofs of true discipleship? (Lu. 14:26, 27, 33; John 8:31; 13:35; 15:8).

5. What did Jesus bring to earth along with grace? (John 1:14, 17).

6. Out of what servitude have we been delivered by the power of the Son of God? (Rom. 6:17, 18; John 8: 34-36).

7. What is Christ's own testimony concerning His eternal existence? (Rev. 1:8, 18; 22:13; John 8:23, 58; 10:36).

8. How did Jesus escape the hands of His enemies? (Lu. 4:28-30; John 8:59; 10:39).—Selected.

Questions on the Lesson

In what respect was Jesus the Light of the world? Does He bear the same light today? If so, how do people enter into that light? From whom did Jesus claim that He received His words? Why was it hard for the Pharisees to understand the teaching of Jesus? What does it take to make true disciples? In what sense are all sinners bondmen? What is their only remedy for freedom? How did Abraham see Christ's day? What did Christ mean when He said, **Before Abraham was, I am?** Why did the Jews try to stone Jesus? How did He escape?—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Those who study this lesson will note how the Jews disputed with Christ concerning his authority. They will observe also how Jesus sought to teach them the truth concerning himself and the need of their salvation through him, at the same time he was pointing them to the way of eternal life. His purpose was to show them the way and to lead them into the light of salvation, but they were looking for opportunity to criticize him and to reject his plan of redemption.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

1. "Hell Is in the Way"

A young lady was so strongly moved under the preaching of the Gospel that she often wept. Her pastor watched her with interest, hoping to see her brought to Christ. After a time, not seeing her at church, he inquired concerning her of her mother. That lady was a widow, and she replied weeping, "Ah, sir, I fear my daughter has met with companions who are leading her sadly astray." The pastor did his best to restore the girl to right paths. His efforts were vain. She had given her heart to folly, and would no longer listen to the voice of duty. But her sinful pleasures could not guard her against the assault of death. Not many weeks elapsed before this young woman, while busy over her sewing, suddenly dropped her needle and exclaimed: "Oh, I am dying!" The inmates of the house placed her on the bed. Looking wildly about her, she said, "I see heaven and hell before me; I can't get to heaven, for HELL IS IN THE WAY!" These were her last words. Terrible words, were they not? But would not the same words be applicable to you, O impenitent sinner, if you were on your death-bed? Would not hell be in your way too?

2. What Infidelity Has Never Done

"It never raised a man or woman from sin. It never took a drunkard from the gutter, a gambler from his cards, or the fallen from a life of shame. It never found a man coarse

and brutal in life and character, and made of him a kind husband and father.

"It never went into heathen lands among the morally depraved, and lifted them out of their degradation to a high state of civilization. It has never written down native languages, translated literature, or prepared textbooks, or planted schools, or established seminaries and colleges. It has never founded hospitals for the sick, or homes for the helpless.

"What discoveries has it made? What improvements has it introduced? Has it added anything to human happiness? Does it bring any ray of comfort to the chamber of death? The religion of Jesus Christ has done this, and more too. **'The tree is known by its fruit'** (Mat. 12: 33)."

Until these questions can be answered we are going to stick to Christ.—The Wonderful Word.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

We have noticed in Brother M. B. Hutchinson's Sunday School Notes for December 27, "The Home Work" discussed.

The first question is: What is the first duty of the Christian towards God? Romans 6: 12, 13, 14 says, "Let not sin reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God . . . For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Paul says in chapter twelve and verse one that we are to present our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." It is to be not any more than our reasonable service.

Dear readers, the trouble might be we are inclined to conform to the world, but Paul says for us to "be transformed." How? by "the renewing of your mind," knowing that we are living in the will of God. A saint of old said, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O, Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

The promises of God to those who are humble means that we are to be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due season. We are to put upon Him all our cares. We are to be sober, vigilant, those of us who are called Christians. We should be moderate in thought or action. We are to be self-controlled and calm. We are to be watchful and attentive to our Christian duties. If someone should ask you why, because the Bible tells us that the Devil is as a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he may devour.

May we who are His children through Christ Jesus our Lord walk so humbly before Him that we might glorify His Precious name.

Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

LETTER FROM HEMINGWAY SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

Since I have not written to the Baptist paper for some time, I desire to say that I am living for the Lord. I want to thank the heavenly Father for the way He has cared for me in sickness this past year. It certainly is wonderful to trust Him.

I had to take my little girl to the hospital in Charleston last summer to be treated for an abscess on the brain. I had asked God's people all around to pray for her, and the Lord healed her. The doctors could not understand how it was, but I told them that I was not ashamed of my Jesus. I can praise him.

If people will only trust Him, He will take them through trials and difficulties. This world is in a terrible war, and many people do not even try to go to church, or think about the Lord. There are fathers and mothers who have sons in the Armed Forces of this country that do not know Jesus in the pardon and forgiveness of their sins. Think how those boys need their prayers.

I believe America will have to come to her knees before we shall be able to win this war. Let everyone of us who know the worth of prayer, pray and try to go to the church and keep the good work of God going on. I am glad that my father taught me to go to church when I was young. Now, since I am old, I still desire to go to church.

Please pray that God shall see fit to enable me to go to church every Sunday during this year. I want to do more for Him in 1943 than I have ever done before. Pray that I may be what He wants me to be. Pray for my children that they may be saved before it shall be too late, and that our family will be as an unbroken circle around the throne of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. L. M. Altman

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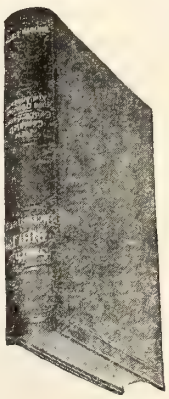

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AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Hugo Church met in regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 16, at the home of Mrs. Paul Johnson. A very interesting New Year's program was given. Ten members were present for the meeting and two visitors.

We took in during the meeting $21.35. It was taken in as follows: $18.75 was for the Orphanage; $1.10 was for dues; and $1.00 to be added to our new light fund.

Our society decided to refurnish a room at the Orphanage, and a committee was appointed to purchase the necessary articles. A committee was also appointed to plan a social supper for the society. The business being over, we were dismissed with sentence prayers. The hostess served a very delicious salad course. We are to meet in February at the home of Mrs. Robert McCoy.

Mrs. J. R. Harris, Secretary

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TWO AID CIRCLES MEET AT ELIZABETH CITY

The Eunice Lee Morris Circle and the W. L. Jernigan Circle of the St. Paul's Free Will Baptist church at Elizabeth City, met at the church on Monday evening, January 4, in joint session.

The January program from the Auxiliary Program Book was given, and it proved to have been a very interesting program to everyone present. There were 14 members present for the meeting.

These joint meetings are held once a month at the church, and are of great help and of much interest to the members of both circles.

Mrs. Edward Basnight

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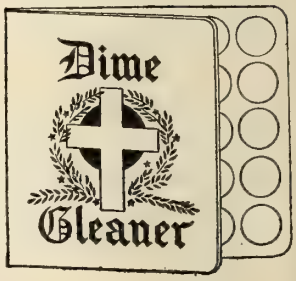

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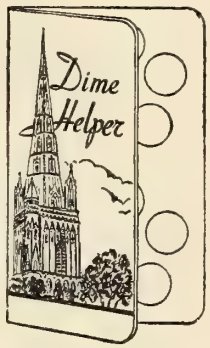

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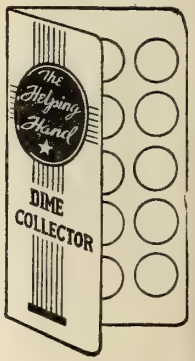

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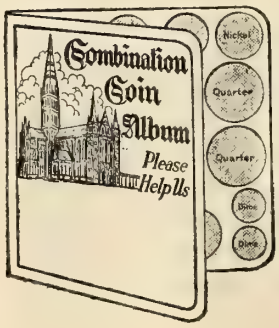

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The Lord had told them they must give the people rest every seventh day, and that they must give the land rest every seventh year, and that they must hold a great jubilee every fiftieth year.

And He gave them a book of laws which told them how to live and how to worship Him, and that He would punish them for failure.

But they would not do as He told them, and worshipped idols instead of Him. At last He let them be taken away where they could learn how good He had been to them. They were taken to Babylon.

It was a long, long way from their old home, and they were kept in Babylon many years.

At last, when they had learned to mind what God said to them, the king of Babylon permitted them to go back to Judea to live. So, many of them went back to Jerusalem and built the temple, which had been destroyed, and they had a great celebration when the new temple was dedicated.

After this a good man named Ezra asked leave to go to Jerusalem, for he knew the law of the Lord and wanted to teach it at Jerusalem, so that the people would all know it and keep it, and never again forget God and have to be punished.

And the king was good to Ezra and told him he could go, and that all who wished to go with him might do so, and he gave him all the money he needed, and gold and silver for the temple, and promised him everything he might need. There was nothing that the king could do for them that he was not willing to do.

And Ezra knew that God had put it in the heart of the king to be so kind to him and his people, and he blessed God for all His goodness.

And before he started to go back to Judea he had the people keep a fast, and pray God to guide and guard them back to their own country, a long and dangerous way.

He did not ask the king to send soldiers to guard them, which the king would have done; for he wanted the king to know that God was with them, and would protect them. So they set out, asking God to bring them safely back.

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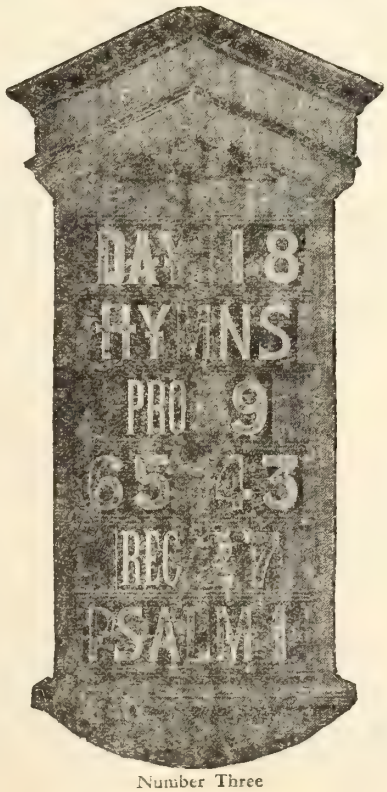

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JOBE. On March 15, 1942, Mrs. Mary E. Jobe died at the home of her son. She was 75 years old and had been a member of People's Chapel for several years.

She is survived by several children and grandchildren. The funeral took place at People's Chapel Cemetery.

Ruth Winstead,

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TURNER. Mr. Meldon Turner, one of our oldest members, of People's Chapel died on September 29, 1942. He was a faithful member, and was thought well of by his fellow members. He was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Elm City, North Carolina.

Surviving are his wife and two sons, Alva of Elm City and Grady Turner of Rocky Mount, Route 2.

Ruth Winstead,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish

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COBB. Mrs. T. C. Cobb, 63, died at her home near here Tuesday, December 16, 1942, after an illness of several months.

The funeral services were held from the residence on Wednesday at 3:00 P. M. with Rev. F. L. Ferrell, and assisted by Rev. W. M. Howard officiating. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Surviving are her husband, five daughters, Mrs. Paul Gardner of Pinetops, Mrs. Thelma C. Davis of Newport News, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Alva Turner and Miss Attrice Cobb of Elm City, and Johnny Cobb of the Army Air Corps, one sister, Mrs. I. R. Robbins, of Sharpsburg, two brothers, H. C. Cobb of Elm City and P. C. Cobb of Lumberton.

Ruth Winstead,
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ALTMAN. On January 14, 1941, two years ago, the death angel visited our home and took away my loving husband, Gold Altman, to go to dwell with God on high. All was done for him that doctors and friends could do, but God knew best and took him Home to rest.

He was 53 years old and had been a faithful member of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church for ten years. He did what he could for his church and gave a helping hand to the people. He is survived by his wife and four children, who miss him very much. May we all do our best for God and in the end be as one unbroken family around the throne of God.

He's gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave where he's laid.

Mrs. Gold Altman

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IN MEMORY OF GRANNY MORTON

O' blessed one just take thy rest
From every earthly care,
For in the grave thy sleep is sweet
Aside from every fear.

We'll miss your face and loving smile,
No more shall we forget
Those kindly words you had for all,
We'll lose them with regret.

We knew your life from day to day
At home and in the church;
You brought to others God's own grace,
You glorified his work.

God loved you with a Father's love,
He answered your request
That you might labor to the end,
'Tis now our Lord said rest.

We grieve with those you leave behind,
We loved you granny, too;
Dear God we pray to heal our wounds
Till we shall rest with you.

Ralph L. Cannady

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"I Am with Thee"

Exo. 33: 15-19, Mt. 28: 20, Isa. 41: 10.

We're crossing the bar of another year—
How swiftly they come and go!
We shall meet them all without any fear—
Our Father has taught us so.

As Moses once asked to be shown God's way,
We earnestly oft have prayed!
Then the answer came and we heard Him say:
"I am with thee—be not afraid!"

So we face the future with fearless heart,
If easy the work or rough,
For when He goes with us, He takes our part,
He keeps us—that is enough.

O heart that is troubled with burdens today,
Look up to your God on high,
He'll carry the brunt of the battle long,
In danger be ever nigh!

—Rev. Ernest Bourner Allen

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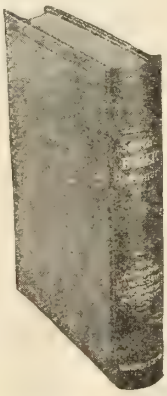

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INCREASED CHURCH ATTENDANCE

In some localities the pastors of churches have noted an increase of church attendance. They say this is a sign of the strict gas rationing over the South Atlantic States. Since pleasure riding on cars has been debarred by Federal authorities, people are beginning to take time to attend the Sunday morning and Sunday night services—those who had a habit of going pleasure riding on Sunday, or so it seems. Of course, those who have always considered the Lord's work as coming first, have been going to church all the while. The rationing of gas has not changed their attitude toward church-going. This class of people know that it is their duty to attend to the Lord's work on Sunday regardless of pleasure, or recreation.

There may be another reason why some are going to church more now than usual. These critical times may be influencing them to think more seriously about matters pertaining to spiritual things. Some people will begin to turn unto God and religious thought when they become greatly disturbed over conditions, as "great financial depressions," "dreadful phenominal disturbances," or "great scourges of war and disease," etc. This World War Number Two may be bringing some people to think seriously about the awful conditions upon us, and it is probably causing them to pay more attention to the church and its work in the world. Long ago God brought the people of Israel to serious thinking, after they had wandered away from Him, by his permitting wars, devastation and captivity to be visited upon them. This serious world struggle may be bringing some people to realize their neglect of God's Church, and now causing them to look to God for consolation and guidance for a better day to come.

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SOME QUESTIONS RAISED

Some interested church people have asked us on different occasions during the last six months this question: "Why is it that so few of the officials of our different church organizations are using the columns of our Baptist papers to boost and stress their particular phases of the church work?" They made the impression upon us that persons, elected to direct certain phases of the denominational work, should set forth their goals, and strive to arouse interest among the church people for meeting those goals, by writing strong articles occasionally to the church papers. They have a feeling that each outstanding phase of the denominational work should be greatly emphasized and boosted by the officials in charge of such phases of work in each state where the church people are supposed to be doing something for the great cause of the denominational work.

The reply which we made to these questioners is this: "Those who are responsible for the leadership of their phase of the church work, and who are neglecting to use the church papers to boost the work, are certainly failing to perform, in a public way, their duties as leaders of such Christian work." Moreover, we will say here in this editorial note: Church people should be frank enough to refuse an office of importance in the church organizations, when it is about to be thrust upon them by the body, if they know they are not going to try to carry out their duties in a satisfactory way. On the other hand, if circumstances arise, after having accepted the office, such that one cannot well perform his or her duties as pertains to the office, then we would say the proper thing for the officer to do would be to resign the position and let the organization elect another person to fill the place. In either case, the lack of proper co-operation, to further the work of the organization, means weakness to the cause. Both of our church papers should certainly be used freely by the responsible church officials so that their individual phases of the work of the District, State and National programs might be adequately explained, and boosted that all readers of the church papers may be well informed in regards to the aims and purposes of each phase of work, and then be willing to give their support to the work.

Early History of Free Will Baptists

By Mrs. H. A. Wheeler,
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(Article No. 12)

History by States

OHIO—The work of the denomination in this state was begun by Eli Etedman, who organized a church at Rutland, Meigs County, in 1810. Other churches were organized, and in 1814 the Athens Q. M. was organized. Then came the Muskingum Q. M. Then a Y. M. was organized, followed by trouble in which the Christian denomination (Disciples) swallowed the churches up.

Elder David Marks (the writer's great uncle) came along in July, 1822, and founded a church in Alexander, Athens County, which had just been organized by John Sleeper. Rutland and Porter churches came next, then Morgan and Columbia, the membership reaching 186. Asa Sterns, James Shurtleff, Samuel Thorn and John Sleeper were the ministers. Many churches rose up. The Chester church did good work for fifty years, also the Orange church, Salisbury, Fredford, Ireland and Carthage, all in Meigs Q. M.

Little Scioto Q. M. rose through the labors of Rev. Rufus Cheney from N. Y. He organized the Porter church in 1817 and many followed until there were 13 churches and 670 members. Then came the following Q. M.'s: Pine Creek, (with a missionary) Athens 1844, Gallia, Hocking Valley, Shiloah, Jackson, Miami, Warren, Clinton, Marion, Harmony, Deleware, Licking, Richland, Huron, Strongville, Medina, Lake Erie, Lorain and many others, besides the Y. M.'s Ohio, Marion, Central and Ohio Northern. Some of the early ministers are: Revs. Dudley, Stephens, Tufts, Probasco, Allen, Mead, Russel, Gilmore, Ellis, David Marks and Hutchins.

Ohio men and churches have had a wide influence for good in the denomination and in the world around them. More than 6,000 True Free Will Baptists in 120 compact churches remain to carry on.

PENNSYLVANIA — Churches were formed in the northern part of this state by ministers from N. Y. They organized with that state generally speaking.

Rev. Samuel Williams organized the Cookstown church in 1818, then the Forks and Washington churches rose up in 1824. The Cookstown, Somerset, Westmoreland, Sinnamahoning, Brady Camp, Harrisburg, Wayne, Crawford, Erie, Washington and Lawrence Q. M.'s came into action. The Y. M.'s were Penn., Ohio and Pen.

Some early ministers were: Rev. J. Calder, James Patterson, Collins and Rollins.

RHODE ISLAND—Baptist principles and liberty attitudes made this state fertile ground for FREE BAPTISTS. There was no state church. John Colby organized the first church at Burrillville in 1812, now Pascoag. Their next leader was conveyed from Vermont in a carriage. Spotted fever made funerals frequent. Colby was obliged to move for his health so George Lamb and Joseph White of Maine did much in revival work and finally Buzzell came with Colby and Cheney. Gov. Jones prayed for Colby's health, however, he passed away in Nov. 1817. His associate forged ahead. Clarissa H. Danforth preached her first sermon in Burrillville and most of her time was spent in the state for several years. For six months she with others headed a great revival in which she was a power, and many churches were organized. Some Q. M.'s were Rhode Island, Boston, Western Rhode Island. Their Association was called Western Rhode Island. Some early ministers were Quimby, Potter, Morse, Allen, Williams, Jordan, Graves, Brown and Steere.

TENNESSEE—The doctrine of the denomination was first introduced in the extreme eastern part of the state some 50 years ago. Calvinism and Arminian ideas divided a group and under Rev. Garrett Dewese took the name of FREE WILL BAPTISTS. They were further divided on the communion question, making still another division.

Some of the leaders were: Revs. Patterson, Wheeler, Woolsey, Cambell, Honeycutt, Tipton, Johnson, Adkins, Nensley and Dewitt. In 1885 there were 14 churches with 488 members. The CIVIL WAR was bewildering and Rev. W. Tipton was murdered.

They organized the American As. in 1868 and the New American in 1881. Then Flint Creek, and Flint As. came along and ministers such as Wm. Webb, Jackson Weeb, W. Morgan and others led the work on.

SOUTH CAROLINA—The first churches in this state sprang from the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. In 1817 elder Reden Moore had gathered churches so that the annual Conference of the ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS was organized and grew in numbers and influence. The present membership is 1121 in the year of 1887 and the churches are 22 in number and all in the east part of the state and north and east of the Santee and Catawa rivers.

The South Carolina Y. M. was organized in October 1886. It is situated in the eastern part of the state, in the section occupied by the original Free Will Baptists and is composed of two Q. M.'s. The Union Q. M. was organized Jan. 22, 1886, and now in 1888 consists of the Antioch, Corinth, New Prospect, St. Mark and Union Churches with 204 members. West of this is the Camp Branch Q. M. organized July 17th, 1886. Two years later it reported the Gilead, Little Sister, Macedonia, Penial, Pine Grove, and Shiloh churches with 461 members.

VIRGINIA—The churches in the north part of the state had their origin with the Shenandoah Mission and are connected with the Virginia and the West Va. As. The churches among the white people in the extreme south west part of the state had their origin in influences from Tenn. and N. Carolina.

WEST VIRGINIA — Work here clusters around the West Virginia College and from the ministers from Ohio who sifted in to preach among the people. Harpers Ferry Q. M. was organized in 1868 with Martinsburg, Charlestown, and Harpers Ferry churches to which the Winchester and Berryville churches were soon added. Churches arose and the following Q. M.'s spread out: Winchester, James River, Taylor, First Kanawha, Raleigh, Boone and Lincoln. The West Virginia Y. M. was organized in 1886 with 25 churches and 875 members. Some early ministers were: Fulton, McVoy and Cox.

WISCONSIN—Denominational interests in this state soon after it became a territory were begun by Rev. Cheney. He organized a church in Kaukesha Co., at Berlin and Honey Creek. Rev. Burnham settled in Janesville, Rock County, in 1840, and organized the Prairie Du Sac church. Q. M.'s sprang up in Rock Co. at Honey Creek, Jefferson, Rock, Dane, Fond De Lac and Layette. In Souk County—Wolf River and Marquette. In Crawford County and Adams County—Adams, Washers, McHenry and Croix.

TEXAS—This state has not received much influence from the Free Will Baptists, however a good many churches and a fine work is being done here so early reports worded it.

The Texas As. was organized in 1878. The Good Hope and Union Springs churches in Rusk County and the Union Chaple and Beckville churches in Penola Co. all gathered by Rev. A. M. Stewart entered into the organization. The Lone Star church in Cherokee Co. and the Rapes Chapel church were also of his work.

The Bright Light and Christian Home churches in Brazo County were organized by Rev. T. H. Adams with the assistance of brother Stewart in 1886. The old Prospect church in Rusk county was organized in 1887 by Rev. R. Lunsford into the As, with a membership of 287. The ministers besides those above mentioned are W. T. Wood, E. Z. Phillips, I. Lunsford and J. W. Loftis. The N. W. Texas Q. M. near Dallas was organized in 1883 with the following churches—Randall in Dallas, St. Paul in Lancaster and Good Will in Arlington.

Note — (Nova Scotia, Ontario, Ocean Park, and Cairo Mission next.)

HIS WORD HAS SAID

By Ruby Weyburn Tobias

His Word has said that I may be
As staunch and stalwart as a tree
That faces all the winds that blow,
And sees the centuries come and go;
A living, pulsing, singing tree,
Rooted in God's still harmony
Where murmuring waters gently rise;
Crowned with the splendors of the skies;
With alchemy of branch and root
Transmuting common earth to fruit,
And sheltering from the zenith heat
The tiniest wings and weariest feet.
How wonderful that I may be—
My life in Him, His life in me—
As fair and fruitful as a tree!

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Free Will Baptist Bible School, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, will begin the second semester on Monday, February 1. Any student wishing to enter for second semester work should communicate with the office immediately. The latest date for entering will be February 8 unless there is special provision made with the office.

L. C. Johnson, President

FULFILLMENT

By Ethel L. Rennison

When I have gone from earth, weep not for me,
For then my brightest hope will be fulfilled.
My Saviour I shall see,
The One who died for me;
This is the hope with which my heart is thrilled.

No greater joy than this could come to me—
With Him I love, forever to abide,
And like Himself to be
Through all eternity;
This weak and sinful body laid aside,
With all my longings stilled—
O glad and glorious day of hope fulfilled!

"We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3: 20, 21).

REPORT OF JUNIOR CLASS PALMETTO CHURCH

The Junior Class met at the home of Claudia Wilson on the 28th day of January. The meeting was opened with song. There were two new members who were Walter Jones and Harold Buck. There were ten old members present.

The roll was called and the dues were collected. At this time the new officers were elected as follows:

President, Walter Jones; Vice-President, Guy Gaskins; Program Committee, Miss Dorothy Wilson, Marjorie Buck; Secretary, Miss Cora Lee Wilson; Sick Committee, Catherine Wilson, Rhunell Gaskins and Mildred Jones.

We are very sorry that one of our members is in the hospital. He has been very sick, and we are hoping that everyone will pray for him.

We had church services Saturday night and Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Mrs. Mable Wilson,
Palmetto Church,
Vanceboro, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Bible School Pictures

I made mention in a former writing that I was expecting "Pictures of the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., to come to me to be shown along with other pictures." Well these pictures have arrived, and they are good. The pictures were made by Brother Jesse B. Parsons, a man of experience in this line of work.

Other Pictures

I am making some other pictures to go along with the present films that I have. These will be partly historic places in our church life. I expect to have now in a little while about twelve hundred lineal feet of pictures. These pictures are to be shown along with our lectures as Field Secretary of the State Association.

Gas Rationing Limits Our Work

As a pastor, I am allowed all the gas that I need for my regular trips to my churches, and to visit the extremely sick, but for my work as Field Secretary I am very much limited. So, I shall not be able to reach as many places as I had planned during the spring months, but I am open for some engagements and shall be glad to take the work to any church that I can conveniently reach. First come, first served, has been my plan for thirty-five years in pastoral and evangelistic services. As Field Secretary I shall follow the same plan.

The Book of Man Under the Sun

The Book of Ecclesiastes is called by some Bible students, "The Book of Man Under the Sun." The phrases, "under the sun" and "under heaven" are used 30 times. The former 27 times and the latter 3 times. The theme of the Book is "Vanity" and the writer assures the reader that "all things of man, and all that man can be, even at his best, apart from God, is "vanity."

You can take a part of the Book and prove one thing and then take another part and prove another thing. But to study the Book altogether, it is like the rest of the Bible, it does not conflict itself, but proves absolutely truth revealed to the honest thinker.

I have known people to take the ninth chapter and the tenth verse and prove that there is no knowledge of any person after death, because of the reading of that verse which reads thus: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." People who believe in sleeping, unconscious spirits after death until the resurrection of the dead, often quote this verse to prove their claim. But their claim is without foundation.

Certainly there is no knowledge in the grave. But what is it that goes into the grave? Not the soul, nor the spirit. The Bible does not teach such doctrine. Why not read the 12th chapter and the 7th verse? This verse says, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." There is no conflict in the teaching of these verses. The first quoted, the writer speaks only of that which goes into the grave. The second verse tells of the parting—dust back to dust, spirit back to God.

The Doctrine of Man and Beast All Alike

I have heard it stated by objectors of truth, that "Man and beast are all alike". They will assert, "The Bible says that a man hath no pre-eminence over the beast." I heard one of those "Beasts" say "There is no more of a man after death than there is of a hog." Well, usually a man that believes that lives like the hog, in earthly things, and certainly like the hog in spiritual things. He keeps his head on the ground seeking what he can find and never looking up to see where it comes from.

Here is the verse that such infidels use, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth the beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast: for all is vanity" (Eccl. 3: 19).

Why stop there? Why not search for truth, rather than for something to satisfy that which is "under the sun" the vanity of the mind apart from God? Let's read the 20th and 21st verses. The 20th verse does not separate man from the beasts, but the 21st does speak plainly on the subject. First we will quote the 20th:

"All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." Yes, all that is visible to the natural eye return to dust. But there is something that cannot be seen by the natural eye. What is it? The spirit of man which cannot be annihilated. Here is the teaching of the 21st verse: Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?" Where does the spirit of man go? "Upward." Where? "Back to God." Yes,, back to God; not to a hole in the ground.

The Conclusion of the Preacher

After the "Preacher" gave satisfying proof that all that man can be apart from God "under the sun" is vanity, he reaches a grand conclusion. While his conclusion does not teach "Eternal life as taught in the New Testament," he gives the best thing possible under the law. And this conclusion does not teach what the infidel and the world thinks, but it teaches that man goes back to God for a judgment. He must be judged because man is a responsible being. The beast of the field whose spirit "goeth downward" is not a responsible being. So the Preacher writes, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12: 13, 14).

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THE HOUR OF PRAYER

Mrs. K. V. Shutes

Men and women, whose lives have been most enriched and blessed, are those who have learned to come to God in the midst of all their happiness, their disappointments, and their problems. They have sought his companionship as a son or daughter would seek the companionship of an earthly parent in whose wisdom and ability they have the utmost confidence. The relationship of the Father is not that of an only child, but of one of a family whose needs differ in some respects, but in which each member has a share in the Father's love and an equal right to his gifts.

When we ask we should not desire gifts that would impoverish other members of the family, but we should ask for those things which would benefit each member of the family. When we offer our petitions to God we should consider if the things for which we are asking are for the best. We should seek to know God's will, and we should listen to the voice of the Master as he speaks to us. Many times we do all the speaking and do not give Him time to speak to us, but we should remember to keep silent before Him while He speaks to us: "The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2: 20). Perhaps the most helpful part of our prayers is that in which we keep silent, and try to hear the still small voice of the Master as He speaks to us.

We should remember that we do not pray to make God willing to give to us, but to make ourselves ready to receive his wonderful gifts. God is always ready to give to those who ask him if they are in a position to receive. Prayer clears the road for us which is usually blocked with hindrances of worldly things. Those who lead a genuine prayer life has continually a consciousness of God's presence and power, and are in position to receive the good gifts which the Heavenly Father wishes to bestow.

May we all join in prayer this month for our National Educational program. Pray for the president of our National Bible School, and for each member of the faculty, calling them by name that they might be led of the Holy Spirit in all their teachings. Pray for each student that they may study to show themselves approved workmen. Pray that more of our young people will avail themselves of the opportunity of preparing themselves for more efficient service. Pray that our F. W. B. people everywhere will catch a vision of the need of better prepared workers, and send in the finance to carry the work on. "Therefore, I say unto you, whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mk. 11: 24).

IN GOOD FAITH

(Christian Resistance)

It was Werner Best, a Nazi juridical expert, who said recently that "history teaches that the annihilation of an alien people is not contrary to the laws of life, provided the annihilation is complete." In other words, the more completely you destroy a people, the closer you are to fulfilling one of the laws of life. Repellent as this attitude is to Christians, it is openly espoused by the Nazis, and if we will only open our eyes and understand that the Nazis do, in fact, believe in destroying people, we shall then be able to understand the unspeakably horrible things that they are doing to defenseless folk all over Europe.

A dispatch to the New York Times on January 17 reported that the Nazis are killing entire populations "for no other reason than their alleged inferiority to the Nazi scale of human values." It should be added that "entire religions are being gradually stamped out," as is the case in Styria, Austria, where the new Nazi gauleiter announced, 'We will do away with former religions and introduce here our own religion of Germanic blood and Germanic race.' "

In Norway, the Nazi persecution of religion has a different approach but it adds up to the same thing—the attempt to destroy it. The Interim Church Council, which directs the affairs of the Norwegian State Church in opposition to the "Quisling clergymen" of Hitler, said this on January 18, "The Bishop of Oslo, Eyvind Berggrav, has been in prison nine months. Bishop Henrik Hille of Tamer has been chased from his diocese of Stavanger. Bishop Gabriel Skagestad has been prevented by the police from preaching the Gospel. The remaining Bishops have had all sorts of obstacles placed in their way to prevent them from carrying out their duties—for instance, through orders to report to the police daily. Thirty-five clergymen have been driven from their homes and congregations. They have been replaced by persons whom we cannot recognize as ordained ministers of the Gospel."

Some day, after the war, someone is going to ask this question, who kept the torch of liberty burning in Nazi-occupied France? And who encouraged others to hold it high? And then the answer will come, The Church did—the Church which would not yield to tyranny—the Church which remembered its calling to serve God whose truth sets us free.—W. C. Kernan.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. Tit. 3: 8.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORK FOR WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

The Christian Education Program seems to be moving along very nicely, and it is an appropriate time for us to plan for greater efforts to do our part in this important work. Christian education is invaluable and is of vital importance to our denomination as a whole, and to each local unit of this denomination. Every individual person will benefit by a truly unselfish Christian Education Program. There is a plan peculiarly suited to each local auxiliary by which we may help such a program. First of all, let us pray that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit, then let us contribute in a manner that will be helpful to as great degree as possible. Let us keep open ears and willing hearts for what our State Second Vice-President may advise us to do.

Please keep a record of all you do for Christian Education so that you may be able to make a full report in March to your District Second Vice-President.

Yours for Christian Education,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Second Vice-President,
Central Con. District.

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SMITH'S NEW HOME AID REPORT

Our Aid society met on the fourth Saturday night in January at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Whaley. The meeting was opened by the members singing a song. The scripture reading was taken from the tenth chapter of Luke. Then prayer was offered. The lesson was taken from our Year Book of Programs. It was read to our meeting and was very interesting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with eleven members present. The dues collected were $3.70. We received $7.20 for broom money. Flower money received, $4.00, and rainy-day money was $1.01. Total received was $15.91. There were eleven rainy days reported at this meeting.

Since February is mission month, we decided to save our Sunday eggs, and to turn the proceeds over for missions. It was moved that we give $5 dollars out of our Aid Treasury to help pay for a rolling chair for a young man. We decided to buy flowers for a sick member of our Aid. One new member was added to our list.

Activities

Bible chapters read	300
Sick visits	27
Milk given to the needy (qts.)	95
Cards sent	2

It was decided that we would meet at the home of Mrs. Rachel Taylor in February. The meeting was closed by the members singing a hymn, and the benediction was offered by one of the members of the Aid. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Bertie Howard, President
Mrs. Viola Blizzard, Secretary

HOW THINGS CAN CHANGE

By Prof. A. R. Flowers

I think I grew up in one of the most peaceful homes I ever knew; and one in which the health record was remarkably good. There were seven of us children, two girls and five boys, and I do not remember but once in those years when my father had to use the rod or leave the boy to spoil. Too, there were no early marriages in our home. My older sister married at about twenty-five, and neither of my brothers did not seem to be over enthused about marrying at an early age. When they took unto themselves a wife, they wedded all the way from about twenty-six and one half, up to almost thirty-one.

So, they must have given the matter due consideration, or thought so, but in less than twelve years from the time the first marriage vows were solemnized there was but one living mother in the six homes in our family, for my own mother was the third one to die along down the line, as my brother's wives were passing out, leaving ten young children motherless in the world. One girl was three days old when her mother left her. A little boy was three months old when his mother was taken.

Now, this was a sad happening that nobody could realize as did our family. Ten young children left motherless along through these trying years, with discouraged and sad fathers, two of whom were in debt to the thousands for doctor bills, hospital bills, and other accounts and nobody to lend a helping hand in this stupenduous task. But my younger sister and I, gave our help, and nobody knows the care, anxiety, hard work and sleepless nights that have been our portion in this undertaking. However, these cares and responsibilities began to grow lighter about 1925-1926 and 1927, and I was more free to give much of my attention to saving something for myself. I did well for a man engaged mostly in religious work, but as many of us remember, and will ever remember, how our banks failed, business concerns failed, real estate suffered a shrinkage in value of more than two-thirds of its normal value.

Many of the most caretaking, hard working people in this and other states lost almost all their life-long savings. I, too, suffered with the others and when people ask me, now, why I can still smile, I tell them that God has given me good health; and that I have taken care of it. I have kept, moreover, a good conscience toward God and my fellow men. I still love everybody.

THE GREATEST BLESSING THAT CAN COME TO A MAN

I was twenty years old before I heard a sermon on Regeneration, or the New Birth. I was always told to be good, but you might as well tell a black man to be white. You might tell a slave to be free, but that would not make him free. Christ not only tells us to be free, but He frees us. In the third chapter of Genesis we read how man lost life. In the third

chapter of John we find how to get it back again.

We are a bad lot, the whole of us, by nature. It is astonishing how the devil blinds us, and makes us think we are so naturally good. Suppose that our sins could all be stamped on our foreheads, do you not think there would be a stampede? Suppose a photographer could take a photograph of the heart, do you think he could find anyone willing to have such a photograph taken? Ladies arrange their hair and put on their best clothes, and men dress up and have their pictures taken; and if the photographer flatters them and makes them look ten years younger, they say, "You are the first man to do me justice," and they order a number of photographs and send them to their friends. But is that your real self? Suppose he took a photograph of your heart, would you send those around? You would break the plate and abuse the artist. Don't talk to me about people being naturally good and angelic. We are naturally bad, the whole of us (Rom. 3: 9-19). The first man born of woman was a murderer. Sin leaped into the world full-grown, and the whole race has been bad all the way down. Man is naturally bad.

Man has lost the image of God. Just take one description that Christ gives of the human heart: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteies, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; these are the things which defile a man" (Matt. 15: 19). Now, I want to ask you, How in the world can you get a pure stream when you have such an impure fountain? The trouble with people is that they are trying to make that stream good while the fountain is bad. It isn't patching up the old man that is needed, but it is cutting off the tree and putting a new graft in. It is an entire change—a new creation.

I have heard of reform, reform, until I am tired and sick of the whole thing. It is regeneration—a new life and a new nature—by the power of the Holy Ghost, that we need. It is not that men have just come a little short of the glory of God, and if they apply a little whitewash they will be all right. You may whitewash a pest-house, but it will be a pest-house still. A man was told the water in his well was bad. "Well," said he, "I'll see to it," and he painted the pump. There are a lot of people trying to make the well all right by painting the pump. What you want is to go to the source. Make the fountain good and the stream will be good. Let the heart be right, and the life will be right, the hand be right and the foot will be right. The seat of trouble is the heart; what man needs is a new birth, a new creation (John 3: 3-7).

Good resolutions are not new birth. Turning over a new leaf, making promises, or making vows—that isn't new birth at all.

Perhaps some of you ask, "What is it?"

Well, listen: Christ "came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1: 11-13). When I was born of my mother I got a life from her; but in Boston, seventeen years afterwards, I was "born from above." I got life from God then—a new life, distinct from the natural life. How did I get it? By receiving the Word of God into my heart. Christ says: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6: 63). You take the Word of God into your heart, and there is the germ, there is the life. If I should take my watch and plant it, I wouldn't get any little watches, would I? Because the germ of life isn't there. If I should plant a bushel of gravel, I wouln't get any more gravel, would I? But let me get seed-corn, and put it into the ground in the month of May, and let the dews of heaven come upon the land, and the rain and the sun, and out of this seed-corn will come new life and fruit.

Culture is all right in its place, but to talk about culture before a man is born of God, before he has received this incorruptible seed into his heart, is madness. Suppose I commence the first day of May and plough an acre of ground, crosswise, then lengthwise, every day in the week, all through May and June and July. Once in a while I put in a cultivator, and cultivate and harrow it too, and roll it. I have been harrowing, rolling and cultivating for months, and you come along and say: "Moody, what are you doing?" "Doing! I am cultivating this acre of land." "Well, I should say so! I was around here last May, and you were ploughing that acre of land. Been at it ever since?" "Yes." "What are you going to put in?" "Well, I am not going to put anything in it, but I believe in a high state of culture." You would say I was a first-class lunatic! But that is what is going on all the while in spiritual things. Put the seed in, and then pray God that the dew of heaven may rest upon it, and you have some results. There is no sower that goes forth and sows that kind of seed but there are results.

To become a partaker of the Divine nature (2 Pet. 1: 4) is the greatest blessing that can come to any man. God has been very, very good to me. I can't begin to tell you the goodness of God. But there is one blessing that just towers high above them all. You go to Washington, and you will see there a monument high above everything else—George Washington's monument. One blessing came to me that night in Boston. It was in a shoe store. I never go to Boston but that I go and take a look at that place where God met me and imparted to me a new nature. Old things passed away that night: a new life dawned upon me, and that is the greatest blessing that has ever come to me this side of heaven (2 Cor. 5: 17, 18). I got a new nature from God—distinct and separate from the old nature. All the infidels that have come to me these forty years, and try to take it from me, might as well try to move Gibraltar. Don't I know there came a marvelous change in my life that night? I would as soon doubt my existence.

If you are not sure that you have become a partaker of the Divine nature, don't eat, drink or sleep until you are. And when you get that new nature it is easy to serve God: His yoke is easy, His burden is light (Matt. 11: 29). O man, woman, you may be deceived about ten thousand

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THE CHRISTIAN'S LIGHT

Christ, the Light of the world, says to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world." There is no real discrepancy between the two statements. The city may be lit by electricity, but it is through the current that the power comes. We, as Christians, are to do all we can to insure that our light shall shine as brightly as possible. How is this to be done?

1. By the position we take up.

A lamp on the floor will not send out its rays so widely as if it were suspended from the ceiling. The Christian should connect himself with a church and witness for Christ. "Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus" (Rom. 10:9).

2. By the character which we form.

Character is the most important thing in the world. There is no eloquence so powerful as a good man's life.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

3. By our efforts for the conversion of others.

By making such efforts we are helped and benefitted ourselves. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30).

The secret of life is service.

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Boys and Girls Corner

UNCLE TIMOTHY'S CRUSADER

We're going away,
It's ever so far,—
It's farther than I can see.

Oh, where are you going?
May I go too?
Will there be room for me?

"Debbie! Debbie! Debbie!" roared a big "noise" which seemed to come from a wriggling, excited boy hanging halfway around the kitchen screen door. "Debbie! Debbie! Debbie!"

The "noise" had a mass of flaming red curls shaking on top of it. With one bound the boy dove across the kitchen floor, flung open the cellar door, shouted "Debbie" down the stairs. He banged the door shut, scooted through the hall to the front stairs and yelled "Debbie" until his freckled face was as red as his hair.

"Here I am! Here I am! Here I am!" answered a happy voice from upstairs.

"Come on down! You should see it; Come down! Come down! Come down!" shouted the boy, jumping up and down on both feet.

"See what, Davie? Where is it? What is it?" called Debbie, skipping down the stairs two at a time.

Davie grabbed her hand, and half dragging her, he pulled her through the kitchen, and out onto the back porch. Stopping long enough to point straight ahead, he exclaimed: "That!" Jumping down the four steps in one leap, he turned cart wheels across the yard, landing almost on the running board of his Uncle Timothy's car.

But it was not Uncle Timothy's car that made Debbie's eyes grow big and round, and sent her scampering after Davie. It was that thing tied to the back of Uncle Timothy's car!

"What is it? Do we own it? Is it ours?" demanded Debbie with dancing feet.

"Sure it's ours, isn't it, Uncle Timothy? any anyhow it's a trailer. Don't you know what a trailer is?" Davie stood ready to explain all about it.

"Oh, do hurry and tell me," begged Debbie.

"Well, it's because Uncle Timothy is going to be a missionary, and because he wants to go places and tell people things, and because it ties onto the back of his car, and because . . . !

"Wait a minute, wait a minute! laughed Uncle Timothy. "I'll tell you what it is, Miss Deborah. Allow me to present, The Crusader!"

"Oh, dear! And whatever is a Crusader anyway?" insisted Debbie. "I don't know any more now than before. Please explain it to me."

"Well, now let's see how we can tell you," said Uncle Timothy, as he pulled at a long, imaginary beard. "A Crusade is an adventure you go on for a king, and we have a King the Lord Jesus Christ. I guess every Christian is going on some kind of a Crusade. You see, we are soldiers of the Cross.. We each have special duties to take care of, special battles to fight, special errands to run. To some of us the King says, 'Go', and we go; to others He says, 'Stay,' and they stay—and that is how the King's business gets done. This trailer on the back of my car is a Crusader about to go on some business for the King."

"Oh, I see," said Debbie, as she poked her head into the back door of the trailer. "Why it is just like a little house, isn't it?"

"That's exactly it," answered Uncle Timothy. "It's really just a little house that you attach to your car when you are traveling, so that you can live like you do when you're at home."

"Traveling? Who is traveling? Are we?" beamed Debbie.

"Of course not," explained Davie. And then suddenly: "But we could, maybe, couldn't we? I mean, Uncle Timothy, you really ought to have company, and then school is out Friday, and then if you ask Mother and Father, they'd let us go, wouldn't they?"

"But where are we going?" insisted Debbie.

Uncle Timothy sat down on the grass and laughed. He laughed ever so hard and even rolled over. Davie and Debbie laughed too, but they couldn't see that it was as funny as Uncle Timothy seemed to think.

"Why do you laugh?" asked Debbie.

"Why do you laugh?" returned Davie, uncertainly.

"Well," said Uncle Timothy, "Well, —you see, here I am a young bachelor. I plan a quiet trip through Pennsylvania so that I can be out of doors, and also preach a bit. I am getting ready to go to Mexico as a missionary in the fall,—and, all of a sudden I have a family of 'wild Indians' all set to go with me."

"Well, we're rather old now. We're almost eleven, you know. And we could be lots of help to you. You could cook, couldn't you, Debbie?" Davie nodded vigorously at his twin

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JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

(Lesson for February 14)

Lesson: John 9: 18-38. Read: John 9.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

Certainly the blind man who had been healed was not afraid. His father and mother were, and even lied. But their son stood his ground; he did it so well that he suffered what the parents escaped—excommunication from the synagogue. It is one of the finest examples of courage to be found anywhere. Instead of being scared to silence, he spoke right up.

The Lord Jesus really helped this man: He opened his physical eyes, his mental eyes (the eyes of his mind), and his spiritual eyes. The good news about opening the physical eyes would have been worth telling, even if the man born blind had not said, "Lord, I believe." Without any help at all, he made the statement about the Lord Jesus that He must be a Prophet; that He must be from God. It was ridiculous to him that anyone who could open blind eyes could be a wicked person. There is no doubt that he was quite ready to be numbered among the disciples of the Lord Jesus. But the greatest miracle of all was that he could see that the Lord Jesus was the Son of God. All that was necessary was for the Lord Jesus to tell him that He really was the Son of God. There was no hesitation even in his willingness to believe it. He could see it; he could believe on the Lord Jesus, and he did.

2. The Blind Man Came to Know

"Oh yes, He cares,
I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
Though the days be weary,
The long nights dreary,
I know my Saviour cares."

"There is never a heartache and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan,
Never a danger, but there on His throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Isn't that sweet and lovely? I'm glad He was a man. He went down the road over which I am walking. He stepped on the thorns that pierce my feet. He met all life's trials, and it helps me so to know that He knows and He cares.

II. The Heart of the Lesson

"Dost thou **believe** on the Son of God"? (John 9:35). This is the important verse in our present lesson. All that goes before leads to this question of questions. Christ puts it in a most **personal** way. He does not say, "Do **we** believe?" but "dost **thou** believe"? This is a very grave and solemn question; for our present happiness, our future destiny, depend on our answer. The answer of the healed man was in the form of another question: "Who is He, Lord, that I might believe"? Christ's question is a **vital question.** It is vital because it is the question we **all** have to face sooner or later, and we **must** give some answer. The Jews once asked our Lord: "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God"? (6:28). He replied, "This is the work of God, that ye **believe** on Him whom He hath sent" (vs. 29). This then is the first step—the first requirement. We cannot be saved until we **believe** on Christ the Son as our Saviour, and rest by faith in His atoning Blood. There are only **two** classes in the whole world—This is the line of demarcation—the first, those who **believe,** and the second, those who do **not** believe. Those who believe, who have received him, are "the sons of God" (1:12); those who do not believe are still the **enemies** of God (Rom. 11:28). It is a **personal question**: "Dost **thou** believe on the Son of God"? Christ loved **me**; He died to save **me** (Gal. 2:20). It is not enough to know He is a Saviour—He must be **my** Saviour if His atoning sacrifice is to be efficacious in my life. Faith is deeply **personal**—no one else can believe for me. My parents may pray for me—they may do all they can by word and deed to inspire belief, but whether I believe depends on **my act of will.** The man born blind, when he found that this Benefactor was the Son of God, answered this very personal question, by a **definite, personal decision and act: "Lord, I believe.** And he worshipped Him" (John 9:38). Face out this question **now**: "Dost **thou** believe on the Son of God"? **Do you** believe Him to be the Son of God who died for your salvation? Are you trusting **utterly** and **entirely** on what He achieved for you by His death on the Cross? Do you believe that the words He spoke are the words He received from God (8:47)? Are you proving your faith in His Deity by obeying those words (14:21, 23)?—Selected.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

On Glasgow Green, a few years ago, at the conclusion of a gospel address given by a layman, a man in the crowd asked permission to say a few words. Liberty having been granted, he spoke somewhat as follows: "Friends, I don't believe what this man has been talking about. I don't believe in a hell; I don't believe in a judgment; I don't believe in a God, for I never saw one of them."

After going on for some time in this fashion another man asked to be allowed to speak. Permission given, he proceeded as follows: "Friends, you say that there is a river running not far from this place, the river Clyde. There is no such thing; it is untrue. You tell me that there are trees and grass growing around me where I now stand. There are no such things. That also is not true. You tell me that there are a great many people standing here. Again, I say, that is not true; there is no person standing here save myself. I suppose you wonder what I am talking about, but I was born blind; I never saw one of you; and while I

talk it only shows that I am blind, or I would not say such things. And you," he said, turning to the infidel, **"the more you talk the more you expose your ignorance, because you are spiritually blind, and cannot see."** The effect of the speaker's words can be easier imagined than described.—The Prophetic News.

IV. Don't Forget

1. That Jesus had no trouble in healing physical blindness (vs. 7), but even He could not cure the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees (vss. 39-41).

2. Our **Advanced** and **Senior** Quarterlies have a wealth of information on this very important lesson.

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We are expecting to have Session Number Two of the Christian Workers' Institute which is to be held with the Free Will Baptist Church, Leeds, Alabama. This session will be held from June 7 to 18, 1943.

We are making this early announcement so you preachers will not be in a meeting at this time. Please plan now to attend this session of the Institute. Plan also for your young people to attend. Rev. W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Alabama, is the pastor of the church. Write him early and tell him of your plans to attend the Institute.

A small fee will be charged for board, but it has not been decided as yet just what it will be. Last year Reverend A. J. Lambert's church fed and entertained those who attended the Institute for $4.00 dollars per week. There were about forty present for the last session, but only two preachers took part. Brother preachers, come on and take part in this coming session of the Institute. Some said that they would have been at the last one, but were already signed up for meetings. Others said that they did not know it.

Please make a record of this date and plan to attend, and not be in a meeting at this time. This institute work is one of the greatest movements in our church to bring Splendid Bible courses in reach of every preacher and worker who can possibly attend the Institute. The work of the Institute was discussed at our last Alabama State Association, and it was heartily endorsed by that body.

Your brother in Christ,
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THE MASTER OF MASTERS

During these days we hear and read quite a bit about masters of different vocations. We have master farmers, master mechanics and so on through every vocation. So, there is no end to the different vocations that someone has become master of. We very often hear this expression, "Jack of all trades but master of none." I don't think it is in the power of any human being to master all vocations, for the span of life is far too short and the brain far too small to grasp and hold all the knowledge that would be necessary for any person to be master of all trades or vocations.

If you will read St. Mark, the entire 5th chapter, there you will get an introduction to the only person that ever attained the degree of master over every obstacle. Next read Matthew 4 up to the 12th verse and you will find this same person, Christ, gaining the mastery over Satan on three different counts. That is why the man "Legion" in Mark 5: 9 knew Christ soon as he saw him, or at least the evil spirits in the man knew Christ for Christ had conquered him in the three temptations referred to in Matthew 4. We must consider that there were more than one evil spirit in this man for the man himself said that his name was "Legion" which means many. Read verse 12 of Mark 5 and you will find that the word "devil" is used in the plural form.

We realize there is only one Devil or Satan, but he has control over many evil spirits that do his bidding. In Mark 5: 8 we find Christ giving the command (which was obeyed) for the unclean spirit to come out of the man, after Christ had been asked not to send them, (the word "them" is again plural), out of the country, but to send them into the herd of swine. So, Christ granted that request and proved himself master over the evil spirits again by destroying a great number of them in the sea.

When it came to the medical profession, Christ proved himself master again, for we find in Mark 5: 2 that he cured a poor woman of disease of 12 years standing that had baffled the skill of the best doctors of that day. I only wish that all of our folks who are sinsick would exercise their faith as this poor woman did and touch the hem, spiritually, of Christ's garments. They would find healing to their sinsick souls, it would be as freely given as Christ gave healing to the body of this poor woman.

Now, we will cite you to what appeared to the average person the worst problem that Christ had to deal with—death. But when the "Master of masters" gives his command, death gives up its prey, as we will find when we read the entire chapter of Mark 5. Awaking Jairus' daughter from death was no more for Christ than it would be for any of us to wake up a person from a nap of sleep. We can imagine Christ speaking in a very soft tone, yet that tone acted as a master key to unlock the grip of death that had settled over the damsel. In verse 23, we find the damsel was very sick, in fact unto death. So, as in the case of healing the body of the poor woman above referred to, we find that Christ also healed the disease that caused her death. Some of the noted doctors might have prescribed that she be not given any food until the next day, but the Master Doctor said, "Give her something to eat." He very well know her body was in a very weak condition and needed strengthening. If you will read St. Luke 4: 35, you will find Him "Master of masters" again, for the evil spirit had been master over this man.

J. E. Ingalls

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UNCLE TIMOTHY'S CRUSADER

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sister, and then added: "And I could keep the trailer clean, and carry water, and find wood. He has a stove and everything inside, Debbie, and I could help you sell books and—and—and—"

Uncle Timothy leaned back on his elbows and looked at them for a long long time. He saw two, strong, sturdy, blue-eyed youngsters—Davie with a shock of red hair, and Debbie with golden curls. Davie had freckles and a turned up nose—Debbie had a turned up nose, too, but with fair, smooth skin. Both of their mouths were firm and determined, and their eyes were clear and sparkling. They were alive, and—thank God—they had the Lord Jesus living in their hearts. He smiled tenderly as he recalled the afternoon they both had knelt at his knees. They had each asked the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts and be their Saviour, and then had quietly thanked Him for hearing their prayers and coming to live in their hearts.

"Well," coaxed Davie, digging his foot into the sod. "Well, what do you think, Uncle Timothy?"

"Miss Deborah and Master David Weatherby, I do think we would have a jolly time together. If your mother and father will consent, I will cordially extend to each of you an invitation to accompany me on my 'rambling' tour in The Crusader. I'm leaving two weeks from Monday."

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! for Uncle Timothy!" whooped Davie, walking on his hands.

"Oh, thank you, thank you," sang Debbie, catching her uncle's hands and skipping around in a circle. "But tell me, what does 'rambling' mean?"

"Well, it means to go somewhere you aren't sure of, so that when you get there, it is all right because you didn't know for sure if you would really arrive on time."

"Oh, Uncle Timothy," exclaimed Debbie, "you're so funny."

"There's Father and Mother!" announced Davie. "I'll race you all out front! You ask them, Uncle Timothy!" And off they scampered to welcome their parents.

Would Mother and Father let them go?

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker

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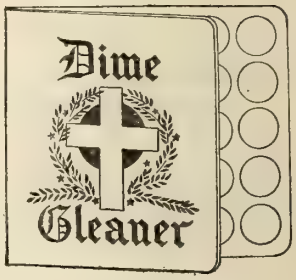

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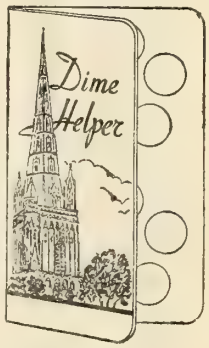

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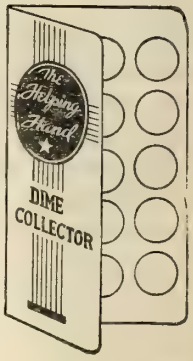

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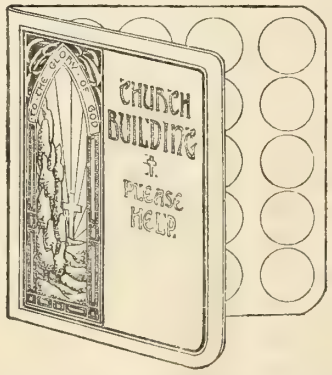

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DR. C. G. TRUMBULL ON INSPIRATION

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"Yes, I now believe the Bible. I believe the whole Bible. I believe that when God by His Holy Spirit supernaturally inspired men to set down that which men could never have thought out or discovered for themselves, as the Word of God to men and through men, he did, not an imperfect, but a perfect piece of work. I believe that in the original or autograph manuscripts of the Bible there was no error in a single word, in a single statement, whether of historical fact, or of natural science, or of spiritual truth. I believe that, as our Lord Jesus Christ said 'till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished" (Matt. 5: 18), so every jot and every tittle of the Bible, the Word of God, from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation, is God-given, God-breathed, with that unimprovable and complete perfection in which God always and only works. Do you wonder that I am praising God today that, in His longsuffering patience and grace, He brought me 'clean over Jordan' out of the wilderness of the higher criticism, and has cleansed me in the blood of Christ from the last tinge and taint and trace of the blasphemous, arrogant, insulting and unscientific 'made in Germany' Bible Criticism (which, as Germany's militarism would have wrecked the world if it could, so it would if it could wreck the faith of the Christian church), and has brought me into the clear, noonday light of the inspired and infallible Word of God, and 'the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.'"

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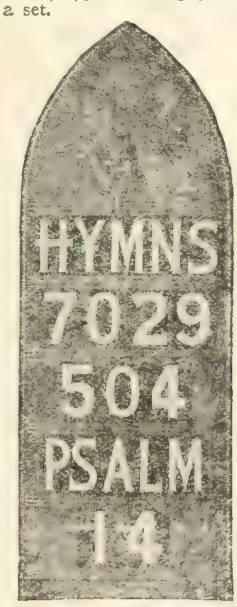

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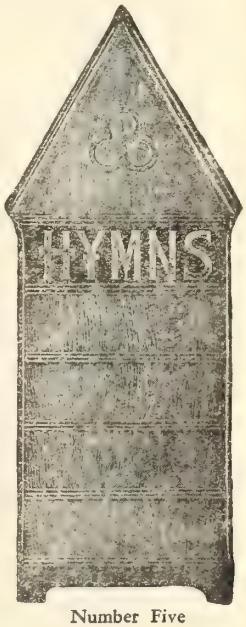

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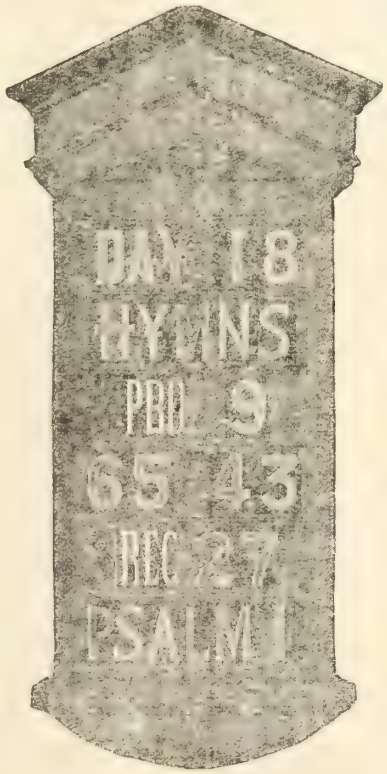

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THE GREATEST BLESSING THAT CAN COME TO A MAN

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things, but do not be deceived on t one thing. Make sure that you have been born from above, born of God—a life distinct and separate from the natural life—a new life, a new creation.

Read the third chapter of John's Gospel quite through; do not dwell alone upon its earlier sentences. The third verse runs thus:

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D. L. Moody

TITHES.—Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Mal. 3:10.

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They grow in the rain, and they grow in the dew—
Yes, they grow;
They grow in the darkness, all hid in the night,
They grow in the sunshine, revealed by the light—
Still they grow.

They ask not your planting, they need not your care
As they grow.
Dropped down in the valley, the field—anywhere—
Yet, they grow.
They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure white;
They grow, clothed in glory, by heaven's own light—
Sweetly they grow.

The grasses are clothed and the ravens are fed
From His store;
But you who are loved and guarded and led,
How much more
Will He clothe you, and feed you, and give you His care!
Then, leave it with Him; he has, everywhere,
Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him; 'tis more dear to His heart,
You will know,
Than the lilies that bloom or the flowers that start
'Neath the snow.
Whatever you need, if you ask it in prayer,
You can leave it with Him, for you are His care—
You, you know.

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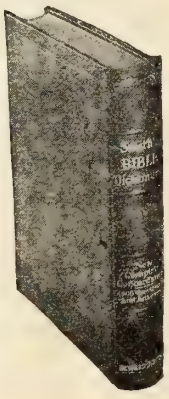

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EDITORIAL

A TEST OF PETER'S LOVE

"When they had dined, Jesus said unto Simon Peter . . . lovest thou me more than these?" (Jon. 21: 15a). The first consideration for study here is the expression, "more than these." We believe Jesus had reference to Peter's love for him in comparison to the love which the other disciples had for him, because Christ was chiefly concerned about the work of his gospel ministry, and the love of those disciples in serving humanity for his Church.

We are to remember that there was a time in the recent past when Peter had boasted of his loyalty to the Lord Jesus, but all this boasting proved vain and empty when the test came. Now, dinner being over, Christ wants to know whether or not Peter really and truly loved his Master. The question "Lovest thou me?" means more than "Believeth thou me?" or "Serveth thou me?" for it drives the point of real concern for Christ closer home to Peter's depth of love for his Lord. Note, Christ did not say, "Lovest thou my word?" or "Lovest thou my work?" or "Lovest thou my brethren?" but "Lovest thou me?" That is the question. Do you love me above everything else?

Peter's first reply was "Yea, Lord: thou knowest I love thee." He emphatically declared his love for his Lord, although he did not compare it with that of the other disciples, which would not have been fitting after his three cowardly denials of even knowing his Master at all. Jesus said unto him, "Feed my lambs," the Christian converts. Let us observe that those whom Jesus committed to Peter's care were his lambs and his sheep who constitute Christ's Church, his followers in the world. The term "lambs" may mean the new converts—the young and tender members of Christ's Church—those who are new in the faith, and greatly need proper religious instruction and careful shepherding in the church. Christ purchased his flock —his Church—with his own blood on the cross of Calvary (Ac. 20: 28).

When Peter had replied the second time to Jesus' question, in the same words as in the first case, Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." The Revised Version renders it thus: "Tend my sheep." "This included not merely preaching, but also the spiritual oversight of the Christians. Compare Peter's words in I Peter 5: 2; 'Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight' (R. V.)."—Dr. Almstead. Then, the third time Christ made a test of Peter's love for him. And why was it that Christ did this? We believe Jesus wanted to draw from his lips, which had denied him thrice, a threefold confession of his love for his Master.

In the third case, Peter says to Christ, "Thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I love thee." No more would Peter question the words of his Master, as he had done in his boastful talk in the Upper Room on that Thursday night before they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Now he has greater insight of Christ's knowledge and understanding of his character, and he respects more than ever his Lord's divinity and wisdom.

The Apostle Peter did prove, during his later life in the gospel ministry, his real love for his Lord. He labored long and patiently to spread the gospel among those who stood in need of salvation. He even suffered martyrdom, we are told, for the cause of Christ and the establishment of the Christian faith among the heathen people in different sections of the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea.

The test of our love for God and Christ Jesus is being made today as the world goes on in the struggle for human rights and religious freedom against the forces of evil and the determination to abolish human justice and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience. If we are willing to stand firm and true, as did Peter and many others of the early church, we will show forth our love for the principles of the gospel, and for the Christ who died for us. No greater stand can be taken today by Christian people than the stand for the doctrine of Christ. There can be no greater hope for the human family than that which is found in the teachings of the Master while He was here upon earth. No greater love can one have than that which binds a believer in Christ so close to his Lord that he will be willing to sacrifice all, if need be, before he would renounce his claim on eternal life.

THE SERVICE FLAG

By Avis B. Christiansen

Each star upon this noble flag,
  Which we present tonight,
Speaks proudly of a patriot's love
  For justice, truth, and right.

Each star a soldier, brave and true,
  Resolved his best to give,
That we who honor liberty
  In freedom still may live.

Each star a soldier of the Cross,
  A follower of the Lamb,
Enlisted in the sacred cause
  For which his Captain came.

May God in mercy richly bless
  These valiant boys, we pray;
And as they serve their country's flag,
  May they serve Him alway!

To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God. Psa. 50: 23.

Be this my one great business here,
With holy trembling, holy fear,
  To make my calling sure;
Thine utmost counsel to fulfill,
And suffer all thy righteous will,
  And to the end endure.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thess. 5: 22.

Miracles Are of the Spiritual

By Rev. C. J. Harris

"For no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (Jon. 3: 2).

The word "miracle" has been defined by a distinguished author as "A wonderful thing; a marvel; an event or effect in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature." Again, the word "miracle" is further defined by a most famous and brilliant writer as being "A supernatural operation performed alone by the power of God." A real miracle can be performed no other way. Our Saviour confirmed the doctrine which He taught by a train of incontestible miracles. They were so great in their nature, and so real in their proof, so divine in the manner in which He performeded them by the power of His will that there was the greatest assurance that none without the omnipotent hand of God could do them. They were so holy in their end to confirm a doctrine most becoming the wisdom and other glorious attributes of God that, for the accomplishment of the prophecies concerning the Messiah whose coming was foretold with miraculous healing benefits, He was the great miracle Worker and Healer of earth.

No transactions in the New Testament are so well attested as are the miracles performed by our Lord. God placed His seal of approval upon Him by working through Him miracles and signs, and incomprehensible wonders which His enemies could not deny. The bold challenge of the Apostle Peter to Christ's wicked enemies on the Day of Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2: 22, carried the conviction of truth. There was no dissenting voice, but after hearing the eloquent words of the Apostle the multitude cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" "Repent and be baptized every one of you, for the remission of sins," was the answer. Also, there was given unto the apostles the seal of the divine Father's approval, for it is written that God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, did it according to His holy will.

Wnat is a miracle? A clear and concise definition has been found in these words: "An effect in nature not attributable to any of the recognized operations of superhuman power, and serving as a sign or witness thereof; a wonderful work, manifesting a power superior to the ordinary forces of nature." Miracles are acts and manifestations of God's power in the universe. God rules the world by established and uniform principles, which are called the laws of nature. They have to do with the physical and moral world. The laws of nature are held by the common consent of the most enlightened philosophers and scholars to be "The uniform plan according to which, or the uniform manner in which God exercises his power throughout the created universe." It sets forth the goodness and wisdom of God, and gives the greatest possible blessings to man. Without such laws we would live in a world of chance happenings and in a state of absolute confusion. But under the great beneficient laws of God, summer and winter, seed time and harvest fail not. The laws which He made to govern the universe are sure in their operations. God is, therefore, great and greatly to be feared.

A miracle is a deviation from an established law of nature. If, in conducting the affairs of the universe, God sees fit to deviate from the regular order, who shall say nay to His holy will? Shall the clay say unto the potter, "What doest thou?" According to the law of nature, when a man dies the body decays and returns to dust, but He who made the body and breathed into it the breath of life can divinely interfere with the law which He has made, and restore such a one to life, and thus perform a miracle. When God sees fit to do a thing, His interposition is exceedingly great. He gave His seal of approval to the mission of our Lord, and through Him set aside the natural law and performed many miracles. It is certain that Jesus was divinely appointed unto His work, for He was given the Godlike power to set aside the law of nature and to work miracles.

God's plan in making Himself known to the children of men through the Scripture was to reveal Himself in a number of divinely appointed individuals who wrote as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. What was thus written was then published as a revelation from God for the benefit of the world. While to them the revelation of God came in such a form and in such a manner as to leave no doubt in their minds of its divine origin. How was it to be given to the world so that it would be accepted as the revelation of God? Questions of this kind would arise, and the Almighty gave witness to His Word by giving those who decided it the power to work miracles. So, in the Old Testament, He convinced Moses, the author of the Pentateuch, by setting aside the law governing the action of fire, so that the burning bush was not consumed. To His servants of God He gave this witness in large degree, and in the fullness of measure. Our Lord possessed this divine power, and through Him it was conferred upon His apostles and disciples. In His name they did many wonderful works, commanding the lame to walk and the dead to rise.

The evidence thus given as a seal to the revelation of God is to be accepted as necessary to convince men that the Book is of God. The revelation, in order to be of use to us, must not only be declared by them to us, but also have divine attestation. In other words, those who declare it to us must show by some incontestable proof that it is from God. Such proof is found in a miracle. If an event takes place which we know to be contrary to the laws of nature, we at once recognize it as the special act of Him who is the God of nature, and who alone can suspend its laws, and produce effects in another way.

The evidence of a direct interposition of God given in this way is irresistable. No one could witness an obvious miracle without being struck with awe and at the same time recognizing the hand of God in the act.

It is clear that no event, which can be accounted for on natural principles, can prove a supernatural interposition, or contain a divine attestation to the truth of a prophet's claim. But when we look at an event which cannot be traced to the laws of nature, and is clearly above them, such as the burning wood upon the altar in the case of Elijah's controversy with the false prophets of Baal, or the resurrection of Lazarus, we cannot avoid the conviction that the Lord of heaven and earth gives His testimony that Elijah is His prophet and that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. The evidence arising from miracles is so striking and conclusive that there is no way for the infidel to evade it, but to deny the existence of miracles, and to hold that all the events called miracles may be accounted for according to the laws of nature, and will not stand the test of logical criticism. But such is obviously a violation of the laws of common sense, and of Scriptural reasoning. Therefore, all sober-minded men and women will say of Christ, as did the competent ruler of Israel, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3: 2). The miracles of Christ are attested by many infallible proofs, for He was approved of God among men by miracles and wonders and signs unparalleled by atheists and infidels.

"HE SAVED OTHERS"

By Elder Colonel Pendleton

Yes, they told the truth, but they did not mean to, when they said, "He saved others: Mimself He cannot save." Now please read, "Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment, and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled: but that they might eat the passover."

Now we know that those hypocrites, those ungodly men who mocked the dying agonies of the blessed Son of God did not mean to say anything good of Him when they said this, but they did it nevertheless.

They told a great truth when they said, "HE SAVED OTHERS," and it was also true that if He were to save others, He could not save Himself. For proof (if He were to save others) He could not save Himself. I give Matt. 26: 53, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" We read, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (I Peter 3: 18). His desire was to bring the unjust to God; therefore, in order to accomplish this, He must suffer for their sins. This He did on the cross, and now, on the ground of sin having been judged there, and justice satisfied, God in righteousness is saving all who will come unto Him through Jesus Christ His well beloved Son.

Indeed it is a blessed thing to know that He has saved others: but of what avail will that be to you if you are not saved? Will it not add to your suffering to know that others as bad, (or even worse) than you, repented and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and were saved, and are to be with the Lord forever.

"HE SAVED OTHERS," and among that number you find Peter, the swearing fisherman of Galilee. He saved Mary Magdalene, out of whom the Lord Jesus cast seven devils. Also you find, religious Saul of Tarsus, the bigoted persecutor and blasphemer and millions more, who were once as vile as they have been saved. And now, in view of such wondrous power and grace displayed, He asks this solemn question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2: 3). There is no other way of escape, every avenue is closed against you, for the Lord Jesus has said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14: 6). He did not say "a way" as though He was one of many, but He said, "the way," meaning there is no other way by which one can be saved. For no man can come to God but by Him.

"HE SAVED OTHERS." What a wail this will be for the lost ones in torment! As from that abode of anguish and despair, they look back on the misspent opportunities and privileges which were theirs in the past. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, neighbors and friends were saved by Him. Did He not send His Son to die for sinners? (John 3: 16). Did He not strive with His Spirit? "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22: 17). Did He not beseech them to come unto Him for salvation, but they would not? In Luke 13: 34 we read, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!"

And now their cry must ever be, "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jer. 8: 20).

"HE SAVED OTHERS." Yes, blessed be God, He did. And now, in 1943 He is both able and willing to save any poor sinner that will forsake his sins and come unto Him. For in Luke 19: 10, we hear Him saying, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." So now, yes, just now! No matter how far in sin you are, if you will forsake all sin, and come to Jesus He will save you. Then you can say. He saved others, and now thank God, He has saved me. Then, you can sing deep down in your heart the old song that goes, "When Jesus has found you, tell others the story, that my loving Saviour is your Saviour too. Then pray that your Saviour may bring them to glory, and prayer will be answered, 'twas answered for you!"

GOD'S COMMAND TO US

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matthew 28: 19, 20.

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16: 15.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that you love one another."—John 15: 16, 17.

Now, after looking at scripture let us combine the verses and make one, using the main points of all five scattered verses. "For God hath ordained us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, teaching and telling it to every creature in all parts of the world."

I'm wondering if we today in this dark world of sin are obeying His command. You say "I'm not a preacher." You are saved aren't you, or are you? I often wonder if all the people today are really saved, who are professed Christians.

I know in my own personal life, I have fallen short many, many times. I know I'm saved, but flesh is weak and we are all a bit timid in witnessing for our Lord. When we once win a soul to our wonderful Saviour, we don't want to stop working for Him. I recently have been meditating over the matter and praying for the greater passion for the poor lost, blind sinners.

Think of it, we have so many boys fighting on the battle fronts today and many of them are passing into eternity. There are a great many of us who wonder about those boys' souls—if they are saved. Some people ask the question, when a person passes on—"Was he or she a member of the church?" Let's forget about that question and ask "Was he or she **Saved?**"

In speaking of the boys' souls, who are fighting for us and their lives also, let us presume that the majority of them are saved. There are a great many people who are obeying God's command and are passing on from one camp to another giving them gospel tracts, Bibles, and New Testaments. These people have a great opportunity to lead them to Jesus by telling them the dear old gospel story that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son to die in our stead for our sins.

The thing that is so sad is: Are the boys' parents really saved and praying for their safe and wondrous victory through Christ and through warfare?

Of course, we know the majority of the parents are praying that prayer, but are they also praying the prayer—God be merciful to me a sinner. Are we being humble before God? Suppose death would meet, the parents and possibly the son or others in the family, the son saved and thinking his parents back home were but were not really. He would go to be with Jesus and where would his people go? I wonder if you dear folks have ever thought of that. It is a sad thing to think of. Are you one of those who are unsaved? I would advise you to get right with our God, for the wages of sin is death and everyone of us shall give an account of himself unto God. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement, but he that believeth on Him (God) shall not come into judgement. Won't you dear friend choose this day whom you will serve?

Now, you may ask, What am I going to do for Jesus? He has ordained me to go about preaching the gospel teaching and telling it to every creature. That is simple. You come in contact everyday with unsaved friends and loved ones, and you can talk with them and pray with them and for them, tell them that blessed old story that God so loved the world that He gave. That is a blessed old story. Win that loved one or friend to Him and you'll want to continue the work of soul winning. You'll probably run into some people who are the stubborn kind. Pray for them and don't let it get you down because you have been once refused. It is our duty to tell the good news that God loved the world and gave and that Jesus is coming again, and if we get no results the blood is off our hands.

Just think of a small group of ships out on life's sea and one of them has a leak in it. It is sinking, isn't it? If it is sinkinng it is being lost to the sight of the world. It needs the help of the others to carry it to land for repair. Apply that to human life. If that one person was not saved and passed into eternity, that would be one soul never to be seen any more by Christians. Doesn't this stir up a greater passion for those poor lost souls in your heart?

Albert Harris

LETTER FROM VANCEBORO NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

Since I have not written to the Baptist paper, I do want to write a short letter, expressing thanks to the heavenly Father for the way He has cared for me and my little boys. It certainly is wonderful for one to have trust in God.

I praise His holy name for all of His goodness. I am asking all of God's children to pray for me and my children. I want to be just what God would have me be in this life.

I am writing this little poem, and may we take it to heart:

Give One Flower

Did you ever stop to think,
As you journey along the way,
How much good you can do
If you give one flower a day?

Someone may be sad and weary,
Nearly crushed beneath the load;
If you give a single flower,
It may brighten that dreary road.

How may we be satisfied,
Going along day by day,
Sharing God's many blessings,
Not sowing flowers along our way.

When I behold the loved ones asleep,
Flowers on shelf and stand,
I pity—they could not use them,
And their fragrance understand.

Of course, it's just a symbol,
But let us do our share
To make their burdens lighter
Before they are placed there.

Friends, I urge you not to wait,
But practice day by day,
Giving to the living—living flowers,
As we pass along our way.

Mrs. Sallie Farmer

Union Reports

THIRD EASTERN UNION

The Union Meeting of the Third Eastern District of the Eastern North Carolina Conference convened with Snow Hill Church in Duplin County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1943. Rev. F. E. Jones led the opening song; prayer was offered by Rev. Solomon Duff. The moderator then called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called with twenty-four responding with delegates. Six ministers were present for the meeting. Rev. Lloyd Vernon preached the introductory sermon, after which the union recessed for the lunch hour. Dinner was spread on the church grounds, and everyone enjoyed the good things to eat upon the tables.

After the lunch hour was over, the union re-assembled for business. A motion was carried to have a "Two Weeks' Bible and Music Course" taught in the various churches. A committee, consisting of Reverends S. A. Smith, D. W. Hansley and S. W. Jones, was appointed to look after this work. An offering was taken for Brothers Rashie and Sam Kennedy who are attending the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Snow Hill Church and community for the kind hospitality shown this session of the union. The union then adjourned with song and prayer to meet with Sandy Plain Church in Duplin County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May with Rev. Lloyd Vernon to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Leslie Kennedy, Clerk

FOURTH CENTRAL UNION

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central North Carolina Conference met with Saratoga Church in Wilson County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1943. The Union opened with song and prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Hart. Rev. R. C. Proctor delivered the address of welcome, with Rev. W. L. Hart responding. Then, the moderator appointed the following committees: namely, J. F. Abrams, A. L. Lewis and Raymond Hart, Finance; Sunday School, W. L. Hart, Jesse Gay and Mrs. Joe Ellis; Orphanage, M. E. Tyson, W. E. Richardson and J. W. Barnes; Education, L. B. Manning, Benjamin Dilda and wife; Temperance, N. D. Beaman, W. F. Newell, and Mrs. Burress; Program, P. C. Wiggs, J. E. Edmundson, and Davis Corbet.

List of Churches and Contributions

Walnut Creek	$ 2.00
Watery Branch	2.00
Free Union	5.00
Friendship	3.00
Harrell's Chapel	3.00
Spring Branch	5.00
Aspin Grove	1.00
Owen's Chapel	4.00
Daniel's Chapel	2.00
Ottis' Creek	2.00
Edgewood	1.00
Dilda's Grove	2.00
LaGrange	2.00
Howell Swamp	2.00
River Side	1.00
Saratoga	2.00
Antioch	5.00
Little Creek Church, Virginia	3.00
Total contributions received	$47.00
Total on hand from last union	1.45
Grand Total	$48.45

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$20.00
Paid to Little Creek Church Virginia	15.00
Paid to Nashville Bible School (Pd. to J. E. Edmundson)	6.50
Paid to Clerk and Printing Press	6.00
Total paid out	$47.50
Balance in the treasury	$ .95

Money for Retired Ministers

Received at this union	$5.81
Amount on hand	4.00
Total	$9.81
Paid to Atlas Webb (for Treas. Baker)	$9.81

Money for Missions

Received at this union for Home Missions	$ .50
Amount on hand for Home Missions	3.00
Total	$3.50
Paid to Barney Kirby, Treas.	$3.50

Money for Education

Received for Education	$13.50
Paid to J. E. Edmundson, Treasurer	$13.50

Money for the Orphanage

Received at this union	$ 8.00
Collected for the Orphanage	15.64
Total	$23.64

Following the business matters, we had song by Brother Pittman and prayer by Rev. Wiggs. Then a motion was passed to call off the business for the preaching services and dinner. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached on the subject: "Christ in the Clouds."

The afternoon session opened with song and prayer. The petitions for the next union were taken up and it was voted for the next union to meet with Ottis' Creek Church in Edgecomb County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1943. Reverend P. C. Wiggs was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Reverend M. E. Tyson his alternate.

The next in order was the calling of the list of ministers, and the following preachers were present: M. E. Tyson, L. B. Manning, C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, R. C. Proctor, N. D. Beamon, P. C. Wiggs, E. L. Abrams, W. E. Richardson. Those absent were J. W. Wooten, N. L. Bupton, H. T. Sowers, and N. D. Tyson (in services). Licentiate absent was

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* Greenville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Route 9, Greeneville, Tennessee

The Inter-relationship of the Boys and Girls and their Relation with the Staff

It is not such a easy matter to find members of a small home bound by ties of kinship, similar characteristics and dispositions and mutual interest always in one accord and complete harmony. Too often, disagreements, jealousies, strife, hatred and incompatibility mar the unity and endanger the very existence of the home.

It is, of course, other things being equal, immeasurably more difficult to weld boys and girls of opposite characteristics, diverse talents, different training, varied environment and many fancies and whims that have been subjected to very little discipline or guidance, into resemblance of that relationship and condition that is only to be found in the ideal home. Traits, customs, dispositions, peculiarities and class antagonisms, that are the results and heritages of the lives of countless generations over or during numerous centuries, are not to be changed in a twinkling of an eye. The task of uniting these various and often opposing forces into a real home is not an easy one but it is a worth while undertaking.

We have never and will never be satisfied merely to have an orphanage or institution—a real united Christian Home is our goal. Nothing else will satisfy. We were indeed very fortunate in the choice of our first Superintendent and Matron, Brother and Sister Stanley. They were both masters of the finesse and art of developing—often times creating—mutual love, respect, adoration and admiration in not only the boys and girls which were entrusted in their care but in all of us who had the privilege of working with them on the field. Indeed, our people opened their hearts, threw wide their arms and received the Stanleys as I have never before or since known our people to do.

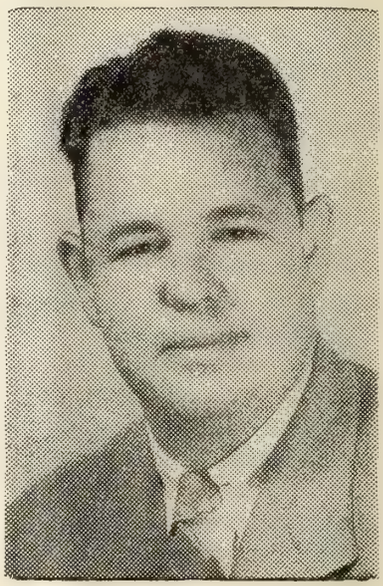
We have three groups of four from the same original home and two groups of two each. There is one boy in each group. There are numerous advantages in having these miniature family units as part of our larger unified family group. There are also obvious, potential disadvantages. It is possible to weave these various units into an unified and basic foundation for our family life. On the other hand these units can be the base for different cliques that would prove detrimental to the ideal of one big family of brothers and sisters. We have not, of course, reached the utopian idea in this respect, but we have been able to a large degree to create ties which we trust will never be dissolved in this life nor the life to come.

The teachings of the Master—love for Him and all mankind—is, in our opinion, the foundation of every tru home. The boys and girls are learning along with the members of the staff that the joy of one is the j of all; that if one is troubled all are affected. It is wonderful, indeed, to see a young life grow and develop and increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. How our hearts overflow when our boys and girls come through some trying ordeal with flying colors; again, what sorrw and disappointment is ours when they yield to temptation. Here at the home, mistakes are made by all of us but remembering that the grace of God is sufficient for all our needs, we once more place our hand in His omnipotent Hand and go forward in His name.

Paul Woolsey

REV. PAUL JENKINS, PASTOR ELWOOD LANE CHURCH KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

Reverend Paul Jenkins has been pastor of the Elwood Lane Church for the past six years. He has made a splendid record for himself and also for the church. During this time the church debt has been paid off, Sunday School rooms have been added to the church, and the membership of the church has been more than doubled.



Rev. Jenkins

During last year our pastor led the effort to establish the Rodgers' Park Free Will Baptist Church and also of Kannapolis, of which Reverend B. L. Griffin is pastor. Our church furnished a number of members for this church. These churches belong to the Western Association of North Carolina.

Reverend Jenkins devotes his entire time to the ministry. He is a very good pastor and evangelist.

By a Member of Elwood Lane Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Union Meeting

We have heard from the Union Meeting of the Fifth district of the Eastern Conference, and the meeting

as good. They made an appropriation for HOME MISSIONS. I attended the Carteret County Union and it was very good. They doubled their amount to HOME MISSIONS this time. If all the other union meetings in the state did as well as these, we shall have a good start for February. **Remember that February is Home Mission Month.**

Tithes and Offerings

I know of four churches that have increased their offerings from twenty-five to fifty per cent since a part of the congregation began to go God's way with their money. If these members were to tithe, then the offerings would increase to 100 or perhaps to 200 per cent, and no one would be the poorer. Read Malachi 3: 7-15. God never changes.

Are You Guilty Before God?

I have just received from the United Dry Forces an article in which a drunken man slew his wife and is sentenced to die. He has an opportunity to speak and he indicts the Judge, the jurors, witnesses, even a pastor (He would have had more religion, if the rest had none to have been indicted) yes, a pastor, perhaps he was not a Free Will Baptist. I hope not at least. But I will copy the article and let you be the judge. Thank God I am not guilty, if the thing occurred since 1906. Amen. Here is the story, entitled "Charged with Murder."

Charged with Murder

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded courtroom, and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer to the judge's question.

The judge waited with a dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive, when the prisoner was seen to move, his head raised, his hand clenched, and the blood rushed into his dull, careworn face.

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and now I ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here, before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, a wretch, that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife that I had sworn to love, cherish and protect.

"While I have no remembrance of committing the fatal deed, I have no right to condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in this case, for the verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife."

The startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled and faced the prisoner, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement.

The prisoner paused a few seconds and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife.

"The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within the bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand with me before His Judgment Throne, where we shall be righteously judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard, my wife would not have been murdered, I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity! Had it not been for the inhuman traps, I would have been a sober man and an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast out upon the mercy of the world!—whilst I am to be hung by the strong arm of the State!

"God knows I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased, willpower was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor. For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year my wife and children were happy and our little home was a paradise.

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against the re-opening of the saloons in our town. One-half of this jury, the prosecuting attorney on this case, and the judge who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloons! By their votes and influence the saloons were re-opened, and they made me what I am!"

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears.

The Judge made a motion as if to stop further speech, when the prisoner hastily said:

"No! No! your honor, do not close my lips. I am nearly through.

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar—legalized and protected by the voters of this town. After the saloons you allowed have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another Bar—the Bar of Justice, and now the Law Power will conduct me to the place of execution, and hasten my soul to Eternity. I shall appear before another Bar—the Judgment Bar of God—and there you, who have legalized the traffic will have to appear with me! Think you that the Great Judge will hold me, the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic, alone responsible for the murder of my wife?

"Nay!

"In my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition I have murdered one, but you have deliberately voted for the saloons which have murdered thousands, and they are in full operation today with your consent.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth.

"'You legalized the saloons and made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done, I am now

ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

Reader, are you guilty?

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, the program was arranged for the annual session which will be held with the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday, March 25th, 1943. The Theme selected was in keeping with the general Theme of the year as provided by the National Auxiliary Convention, "The Great Commission—our Commission," the topic for the occasion being "Victory for Christ in the Home land, assures Victory abroad."

Discussions relative to the Departmental work brought out many interesting features regarding the progress of the Missionary movement, Orphanage activities, Christian Education and other work of the Auxiliary.

It was urged that each Vice-President be very active during the coming weeks, in boosting her specific plans of contact with local organizations, and in securing as much cooperation as possible.

At the last Convention, in September, 1942, the Convention obligated to raise $165.00 with which to pay for the piano for the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn. Many of the local Societies have already sent in their proportionate part of these funds, but others have not. It is vitally necessary that the entire amount be sent to Mrs. L. H. Wetherington at Clark, N. C. as early as possible, as we would feel very much ashamed of ourselves if we failed to assume our part of this fine undertaking, so each local organization that has not yet made your contribution, kindly attend to this at once.

Another obligation assumed at this convention by a dozen or more Church Societies, was that of raising a specific sum with which to buy War Bonds, making our Orphanage at Middlesex, the Beneficiary. The ones taking on this obligation know whether you have come up to your pledge or not—if not, we are urging that you get busy at once and raise your quota and mail it to the Superintendent, Rev. J. A. Evans, stating the name of your church and what the money is for, then reporting same to our Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Stilley, New Bern, Route 1.

Another point stressed at this meeting, was that of urging all of our local Societies to make their reports to the District Vice-Presidents as early as possible, so that each one may have a complete record of the work accomplished during the past six months, thereby eliminating last minute preparations. This is vitally important and it is hoped that there will be no need for a second reminder, but that each officer will take this in hand at once and send in their reports.

We are giving the names and addresses of the District Vice-Presidents, so that there will be no cause for delay.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C., Publications and Literature Department.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Clark, N. C., Christian Education Department.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Cash Corner, N. C., Missions, Home and Foreign.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Davis, N. C., Stewardship.

Mrs. J. W. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., Route 1, Orphanage.

Mrs. Ed Smith, 140 Pollock Street, New Bern, N. C., Retired Ministers.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard was a welcome visitor at the Executive meeting and rendered valuable service, as also was Mrs. C. D. Pigott, who was hostess on the occasion, and who served delicious refreshments during the social hour. The Program for the Convention will appear in a later issue of the Baptist, look out for it, and may we all be very earnest in prayer for the success of our Convention, dedicating ourselves, our energies and talents to the promotion of the kingdom work of our Lord and Saviour. Let us remember that His promises are to the Faithful.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

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MINUTES OF AUXILIARY MEETING

This is the report of the Women's Auxiliary which was held at Saratoga Church on Sunday, January 31, 1943. The devotions were conducted by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Richardson. Then Brother Wiggs read the Twenty Third Psalm. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Paul Thigpen, and the response by Mrs. A. L. Summerlin. Then we had a song by the congregation and an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $52.54. Prayer was offered then by Brother Rouse.

Rev. L. B. Manning brought the convention message at the eleven o'clock hour. It was enjoyed very much by everyone present. After the appointment of the various committees, we were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Reddin Proctor.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Mrs. Maggie Proctor. The "Five Points Quartett" then rendered some special music which was enjoyed by those present. We were also favored by having some of the Orphanage children present along with Miss Faustina Shearon. They rendered for us two special songs. We enjoyed having them with us. Miss Shearon spoke concerning the Orphanage work, in the absence of Brother Hart who was to have spoken in the interest of the Home. Miss Shearon's talk made us feel proud of the Institution, and led us to see

the need of giving greater support to the Home.

The next came the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Then the meeting was opened for business. Mrs. Thigpen asked that each Aid represent in the auxiliary meeting in March. Also that our Fourth Union District Auxiliary send a delegate to represent us at that meeting. Mrs. Frank Shirley was appointed to represent us, and we are to send $1.00 to the convention. A program was then given by Spring Branch Aid members. It was enjoyed very much. Next came the reports of the various committees.

The Banner Committee reported that Edgewood Church received both Sunday School and Ladies Aid banners. The Finance Committee and the Treasurer made their reports which were good, and the reports were accepted. At this time the "Five Points Quartett" rendered two more musical numbers in song, which were very good. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Saratoga Church and community for the kind hospitality shown this auxiliary.

The meeting came to a close and Brother Hart dismissed us in a word of prayer.

Mrs. Fannie Sasser, President,
Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

P. S.—Mrs. P. C. Wiggs, Vice-President, acted in Mrs. Sasser's place; she being absent.

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AUXILIARY REPORT OF MT. OLIVE CHURCH

The auxiliary of our church desires to make the following yearly report:

Activities

Number on roll	8
Members subscribing to the paper	2
Sick visits made	100
Bible chapters read	1950
Gallons of milk given to needy	18
Trays of fruit	16
Funeral designs	1
Condolence and convalescent cards sent	10
Study classes held on missions	1

Financial Statement

Money brought forward (January, 1942)	$ 2.50
Money raised by dues	6.65
Orphanage	9.38
Money raised for superannuation	1.50
Money raised for Home Missions	1.00
Amount of cash used in the church	13.20
Contributions sent to conventions	5.50
Christmas present for the pastor	1.00
Money raised from Sunday Eggs	18.70
Total money raised	$59.48

Balance in the treasury, $17.24.

Mrs. U. C. Everett, Secretary

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LADIES AID MOTTO

I expect to pass through this life but once;
If, therefore, there's any kindness I can show,
Or any good I can do to any fellow being,
Let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.

By an Aid Member

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY REPORT

This is the annual report of the W. L. Jernigan Circle of St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, N. C., for 1942.

The circle held its meetings once each week in the homes of its members. There are 11 members on roll.

Financial Statement

Am't. of dues collected	$39.65
Am't. for selling polish	6.80
Am't. for selling flavoring	.80
Am't. for quilting	8.00
Special offering	6.45
Total	$61.70

Disbursements

Cash to Orphanage	$15.50
Superannuation	.50
Education	.50
Mission	.50
Used locally in church	27.41
Dues to conventions	2.00
For funeral designs	7.00
Bridal gift for Mrs. Sawyer	1.44
Money raised for the Flowers for sick	3.00
Convention expenses	5.00
Total paid out	$42.85
Balance on hand Jan. 1. 1943	$18.85

Activities

No. chapters read	1130
No. sick visits	574
No. trays given	18
Flowers given	16
Funeral designs	2
Convalescent cards sent	2

Mrs. W. A. Hales,
1st vice-pres.

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JANUARY REPORT OF JOHNSON UNION'S LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid of Johnson Union held five meetings on Friday afternoon in January, at homes of various members. We are studying for our lessons the New Testament. We read and discussed the latter part of John and the first two Chapters of Acts.

Members on roll	20
Average attendance	15
Collections	$3.14
Paid out for Sick Benefit	$2.00
Paid out for Soldiers' Kit	$1.00
Paid out for Benefit of Aged	$1.00
Total in Treasury	$13.92

Activities

Chapters read in Bible	356
Sick visits made	51
Trays given to sick	3
Milk given to needy (qts.)	54
Butter given to needy (lbs.)	7 1-2

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Sec.

UNION REPORTS

W. H. Webb, and W. F. Newell present.

Mrs. J. B. Eason turned over to Brother Barney Kirby (Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund) $40.00. A motion was passed that the clerk keep a record of all the money paid in for the Home Mission Fund and for the Minister's Fund.

Committee Reports

The committee on Sabbath School reports the same as heretofore. The

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(Lesson for February 21)

Lesson: John 10: 1-5, 11-16, 27-30. Read: John 10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for his sheep" (John 10: 11).

Jesus here continues the same general thought of the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. He definitely declares Himself as the shepherd of the sheep. Then He gives the qualification that makes the shepherd a good shepherd. It is the interest he has in his sheep that makes him willing to risk his life for their safety. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus died on the cross for His sheep —mankind.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

"The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." His was the measureless passion of love. Nor was He satisfied with the flock in the fold. Of "other sheep" still to be added, He uttered the momentous words, "Them also I must bring." Years would accumulate, centuries would roll by, yet one generation of undershepherds would succeed another till the door would be closed upon the final entrant.

If millions in the world to-day are seized with a zeal of hate which incites them to kill, Christ's army must still be seized with the passion of love, inciting them to bring life and that "more abundantly." India with her 400 million idols can do without our contempt, but not without our pity. This is just a case in point. We shall not expect the subjects of the kingdoms of the beast to agree with us, but woe to us if, in the bitterness of international conflict, we lose the friendly, kindly, self-sacrificing spirit of the Good Shepherd "who will have all men to be saved" (I Tim. 2: 4).

We also see Christ in the Scriptures as the Great Shepherd—the Great Shepherd of Ps. 23 and Heb. 13: 20, who cares and intercedes for His own. He is also the Chief Shepherd who is coming in glory (I Pet. 5: 4).—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The figure of the Lord as a Shepherd is familiar from the Old Testament. Every Bible reader knows the Twenty-third Psalm, and that is the figure used there. The Lord Jesus applies it to Himself in our present lesson.

2. John the Baptist pointed Him out as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). Christ hinted that He would die in the early period of His ministry (2: 19-22). He predicted in clear, unmistakable language, and asserted that God gave Him as an offering that man might live (3: 14-16).

3. The porter represents the Holy Spirit. It was He who opened the door for the coming of Jesus. There was a definite relation between the work of the Spirit and the birth of Christ, for, as the angel informed Joseph, He was conceived of the Holy Ghost (Mat. 1: 20).

4. Every congregation that has a pastor who has entered the gospel ministry through Christ Jesus, the Door, has a right to be grateful and happy. True Christian leadership is essential for each to be able to accomplish the most good for Christ. As Christ was the true leader of his disciples when he was upon earth, so pastors should be the right kind of leaders of their congregations.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

5. In contrast to Himself as the Good Shepherd He speaks of the hireling shepherd. He only cares for what he can get out of the sheep. He does not love the sheep. When the wolf (false prophets and teachers) (Mat. 7: 15) appears, he flees. The hireling is the instrument through which the wolf catches and scatters the sheep. As the Good Shepherd, He laid down His life for the sheep. In connection with His redemptive work, He speaks of "other sheep." These are the Gentiles. That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel, was not made known in other ages (Eph. 3: 1-6). But He laid down His life for the sheep, not only for those of the Jewish fold, but the other sheep—the Gentiles. Then there is one flock and one Shepherd, and He, "the Good Shepherd."

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Names or Numbers?

A census taker asked a woman at one house where he called, how many children she had. "Well," she said, "there's Willie and Henry and Martha and . . ." Then the census taker broke in with, "Oh, never mind the names, give me numbers." The interruption and the tone of it roused the mother's indignation. "They haven't got numbers," she said, "they all have names." Really, that census man had got so obsessed with numbers that he seemed to have forgotten that mothers do not number, they name.

It is the glory of love that it deals with individuals, and calls them by name. The picture Jesus gives of Himself in the tenth chapter of John is precious to us as we remember: "He calleth his own sheep by name, . . . and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice." "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine own, and mine own know me" (R. V.). We like to think of that mutual knowledge of the Good Shepherd and His sheep. The individual is not a number, lost in the flock, but knows and is known.

Where Are You Pasturing?

The old shepherd who offered prayer in a Welsh revival meeting put it exactly right when he lamented his backsliding in these words: "Lord, I got among the thorns and briers, and was scratched and torn and bleeding. But, Lord, it is only fair to say that it was not on Thy ground; I had wandered out of Thy pasture."—Moody Monthly.

Boys and Girls Corner

THE OPEN ROAD

Rolling, rolling, rolling,
  Over hills in rows,
Thought I saw a mountain,
  But it's just like those!

Running, running, running,
  Under lovely trees,
Thought I saw a forest,
  But it's just like these!

Hills in rows, lovely trees;
Hills like those! Trees like these!

—A song you may sing while traveling, which may be repeated as often as you like. It can be sung to almost any tune, preferably one with a "thump" in it.

Yes, they could go! Mother and father and Uncle Timothy had talked it all over. Davie and Debbie nearly fell off the swing with excitement when it was decided that they could go!

There were a lot of things to discuss; and it seemed like a million things to get ready. Debbie and Davie were up with the dawn each day. Their feet ran like deer's feet. They gave themselves happily to doing errands and carrying packages, weeding the garden and stringing beans for their mother to cook; counting handkerchiefs and seeing if socks had to be mended; and—oh—just everything.

Mother had bought some lovely cretonne, and had curtained off the front part of the trailer for Debbie's room; and there was enough left over to make curtains for the six windows and the back door. Uncle Timothy had gotten some kind of camp cots which he fastened to the sides of the trailer, and when you weren't using them, they folded up snugly, close to the wall, so that you couldn't even see the pillows and blankets. They each took an army trunk for their clothes. Mother arranged with Uncle Timothy to mail home the soiled clothes every week to be washed and then have them mailed to the next town. Uncle Timothy had a clever kind of portable, combination stove that burned both kerosene and wood, and there was a collapsible table and camp chairs that could be tucked away when not in use.

Uncle Timothy, with Debbie's help, supervised the laying in of the food. Debbie made suggestions as to what things she could cook, like baked beans, and boiled potatoes, and fried bacon. Davie looked on in delight. They planned to buy fresh vegetables and milk and fruit as they went; but there were some things they would want to carry with them. Most important of all, were Uncle Timothy's boxes of books and leaflets.

"You check them Davie, as I call them. Here's the list, can you make it out?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"It looks easy. What is first?" said Davie, as he wet the end of a stubby pencil.

"Bibles."

"Right," said Davie.

"Gospels."

"Checked," and Davie crossed it off the list.

"Testaments."

"Yes."

"Tracts. Two kinds — salvation tracts and tracts for Christians."

"Let's see—. Yes, I've got them."

"Two packages of books."

"Right."

"And three bundles of magazines."

"All here," finished Davie.

"Did you ever hear the story about the colored man and tracts?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"No, tell us," said Debbie and Davie together.

"Well, it seems that a lady asked a colored man why they called the little leaflets 'tracts'; and he scratched his head and thought a while, and then answered: 'Ah dunno, 'less it be dat dey tracks you and tracks you, until they jest ain't no othah way out but settin' doan and readin' dem. So dey jest calls 'em "tracks." ' "

Monday morning finally came, and "in the middle of the night" so Uncle Timothy said, Davie and Debbie were up and dressed, and knocking at Uncle Timothy's door.

"Are you up, Uncle Timothy? It's six o'clock!" called Debbie.

"Yes, ma'm. I'm up, and I'll be downstairs faster than you can say Elmer's eager elephant's eating eiderdown ear-muffs."

"Sounds silly!" said Debbie.

Saying goodbye to Mother and Father was a little hard. The twins promised to write every other day, "or oftener," and mother and father were to write ahead to the next towns in care of General Delivery.

" 'The General' will see that we get them all right," laughed Uncle Timothy.

Just before they finally said goodbye, Mother, Father, Uncle Timothy, Debbie and Davie joined hands in a circle, and bowed their heads while Father asked the heavenly Father to watch over this little band of travelers, to keep them safe, and give them journeying mercies. When Father said "Amen," Uncle Timothy prayed, asking the Lord to take care of the loved ones at home.

Then they were off! All three had piled into the front seat of the car, Debbie in the middle, and the twins waved their hands until the house was out of sight.

Finally, even the city was left behind, and the open country began to appear. How green the hills! These glorious hills that are so full of surprises for the traveler! What is around the next corner? One never knows, and it is always sure to be interesting.

Uncle Timothy slowed to a stop at a railroad crossing, for a warning signal was flashing "red," and as the freight train laboriously puffed along in front of their car, they all counted the freight cars out loud. A hundred and fifteen! Think of it!

And then off again, rolling along the open road, happily.

They played games. Uncle Timothy was more fun than any two people, and could think of any number of things to do. For instance, they were all to count the cows, and pigs, and chickens, and dogs, and cats, and horses, and sheep, and goats they saw. Davie had the right side of the road, and Debbie counted for Uncle Timothy on the left side of the road. Chickens only counted five points a dozen, and cows were two each, and pigs were three each and dogs were ten, and cats were twelve, and horses seven, and sheep eight, and goats fifteen. The winner was the one who got a hundred points first, but every time you passed a graveyard on your side of the road, you lost all of your points, and had to start over again. You had to watch so carefully your own side for graveyards, for sometimes the graveyards were small and hidden back away from the road. If you didn't see it first, you couldn't count it against your opponent.

Debbie won three times, and then they played another game. This one was with license numbers. Each person took a letter in the alphabet, and each time you saw your letter you got ten points. If you saw your initials, then you got fifty points! And when Davie saw "DLW" right ahead of him, he let out such a yell that Uncle Timothy said he was sure his hair turned gray.

" 'DLW'—see it! David Livingston Weatherby!' Of course Davie won.

The morning disappeared to somewhere. Before they realized it they were hungry.

"Watch for a cozy place to stop, and we'll have lunch,' said Uncle Timothy, as he drove slowly.

Davie spied it first. "Over there!" he cried. "And I think there's a brook, too."

"That does look like a dandy place, and lots of room to pull the trailer in off the highway, too. You're a good scout, Davie."

In the cool shade of low hanging trees, and with the gurgle of the stream just below them, the lunch was spread. Together they sat down to eat.

"Will you return thanks, Davie?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"We thank Thee for all the good things Thou hast given us, Lord. We thank Thee for the beautiful day, and the good trip. We thank Thee for the food we are going to eat. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

The basket had been full of sandwiches, and pickles, and apples, and bananas, and grapes, and cookies, and chocolate cake, and hardboiled eggs, and a jug of milk, for mother knew what to pack in a lunch. In twenty minutes there was not even a pickle to be seen!

Debbie and Davie gathered up all the odds and ends of the lunch, and Uncle Timothy found a place to burn the paper plates and napkins.

"Always leave the place as clean and beautiful as you found it," said Uncle Timothy, and truly you would never have guessed anyone had eaten a lunch there, for they left it spic and span.

"That's a good start," said Davie, as they settled back in the car, and Uncle Timothy pulled out onto the road again. "I feel in my bones that a lot of things are going to happen to us. Exciting things, I mean."

"I believe you are right, Davie. I believe that the Lord has many surprises and blessings for us on this trip." Uncle Timothy looked happy as he watched the road ahead of him unwind, bringing them nearer and nearer the first mountain directly in front of them.

"We'll pitch camp on the other side of this mountain. I guess it will be about four o'clock when we get there. What do you say we sing?" and the twins joined in lustily with Uncle Timothy:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing;

Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,

From ev'ry mountain side

Let freedom ring!"

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker

—The Moody Press

UNION REPORTS

Orphanage committee reports that the churches are requested to do all they can for the Orphanage at Middlesex. The temperance question was discussed by Rev. N. D. Beamon, who was appointed as a member of the Temperance Committee. Rev. L. B. Manning, who was a member of the Education Committee, discussed the education situation of our church. A motion was then passed to receive the reports of the different committees.

A motion was made to extend a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown this union by the good people of Saratoga Church. A motion was then made to adjourn the union until the next time in course. The union closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. C. D. Hamilton, Moderator,
R. R. Bailey, Clerk

SECOND WESTERN UNION

The Second Union Meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with Flood's Chapel on January 30, 1943. After the morning devotions the moderator declared the union open for business. He appointed the various committees; namely, Devotions, Sunday School, Temperance, Appropriation, Orphanage. The list of ministers was next called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then, following a ten minute recess, Rev. J. B. Ferrell brought the morning message. After the sermon a nice lunch was spread on the church grounds, which was enjoyed by all present.

For the afternoon session the devotions were conducted by Rev. J. Frank Parrish. There were fourteen churches which represented at this union, with a total contribution of $29.75. All the committees made their reports and they were accepted. The contribution was divided be-

tween the Orphanage and deceased ministers wives and to the retired ministers, except $5.00 which was left in the treasury for Retired Ministers' Fund

Petitions for the sitting of the next union were received from three churches. By a vote it was agreed that the next union will meet with Union Chapel in Nash County, near Middlesex, North Carolina. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Flood's Chapel and community for their kind hospitality shown this union. The union then closed with praise and prayer led by Brother Bert Brantley.

Z. C. Bissett, Moderator,

Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

CAPE FEAR UNION REPORT

The Union of the Cape Fear Association met with the church at Shady Grove on January 30, 1943. The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. M. E. Godwin, after which the moderator took charge. The roll was called and there were seven ministers of the union present, and one visiting minister, Rev. W. K. Jordan of the Third Union of the Western Association.

Seventeen churches were represented by delegates and two letters. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. C. R. Biggs, after which licentiate, Johnnie Vernelson, was ordained. During the ordination services, a Bible was given and beautifully presented by Rev. T. E. Beamon to Rev. Vernelson.

The afternoon session was opened and the devotions were conducted by Miss Faustina Shearon, and a group of boys from the orphanage. By special request Miss Shearon sang a solo, entitled "He Lives on High." Then the Orphan class was given a special offering. The reports were made by the various committees. They were very good. A reading entitled "At Dawn," was rendered very effectively by Mrs. Louis Gavins of Shady Grove.

Since the last meeting of the union, the ministers of the Cape Fear Association have met and organized a ministerial Association. They reported at this union, and offered several beneficial suggestions and one resolution.

Christian education was discussed by Rev. W. K. Jordan, and a plan for its support was presented. A motion was made and carried that the union accept a check book, and pay $1.00 per month for twelve months. Other check books were taken by individuals present.

The next union will be held with Powhatan Church on May 29, 1943. The closing remarks were made by Rev. M. A. Warrick.

Rev. C. H. Coats, Moderator,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The First District Quarterly meeting of the Liberty Association met with the Malone Free Will Baptist Church at Alabama City, Alabama, on Friday night, January 29, and on through Sunday, 31, 1943. The services began with song and prayer. Rev. C. L. Carlisle delivered the message Friday night. On Saturday morning the meeting was called to order at 10:45, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Wisner. Rev. C. L. Carlisle was elected moderator for this session.

The letters from the different churches were read and the delegates were seated. The devotional committee asked that Rev. C. L. Carlisle bring the eleven o'clock message. His text was taken from Hebrews 2: 3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." He brought a wonderful message. Following the message, the Ordaining Council took charge and ordained Brother Gorden McCollum as a deacon for Malone Church. The meeting was then dismissed for dinner until 1:30 P. M.

On Saturday night Rev. J. T. Windsor brought the message. His Scripture lesson was taken from the Thirteenth Chapter of St. John's Gospel. After the message we had communion services, and the washing of the saints' feet. It was a wonderful meeting. On Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. H. A. O'Donnell brought the message. His text was taken from Isaiah 59: 1, 2.

The next sitting of this quarterly meeting will be with the Guiding Light Church, near Pell City, Alabama. It will convene on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1943. Before dismission this quarterly meeting we took an offering for Rev. W. A. Wisner, the Field Evangelist.

Rev. Charles L. Carlisle,
Moderator,
D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk

Thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 54: 5.

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We love to hear of thee;
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Second, That we bow in humble submission to God's Holy Will, realizing that He doeth all things well.

Third, That we express our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved family and point them to God the Father, who is able to condole them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolution be placed on our Church minutes and a copy be sent to the Baptist paper for publication and a copy be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Mrs. Maggie Proctor,
Rev. N. D. Beaman.

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Albert Harris

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Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Job 22: 21.

That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. Job 34: 32.

TITHES.—Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Mal. 3:10.

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PETER WRITES TO THE "SCATTERED CHRISTIANS"

It is to be noted in the first place that the Apostle Peter begins his Second Epistle to the "scattered Christians" in Asia Minor by declaring himself " a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ." He said in Second Peter 1: 1, 2, "To them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you." In other words, may God's benedictions rest upon you as you carry the gospel among the pagan people of Asia Minor. May your faith ever remain firm and true to the principles of the gospel. Be it understood here that faith in Christ Jesus is the "key expression" or thought which Peter emphasizes in his opening words to the brethren.

His Benedictions

This precious faith which Peter mentions is obtained of God; that is to say, it is the gift of God, and is wrought by the Holy Spirit, and it is through the righteousness of Jesus Christ that a person obtains this faith.

May we note that Peter herein wishes for the brethren the divine favor of God that growth of grace might be manifested in their hearts day by day. He states, furthermore, the way and means by which grace and peace are manifested in their hearts, and that it is "through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." The apostles showed that the fountain of spiritual blessings is the divine power of the Trinity—God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All true spiritual life has its origin in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Knowledge of God, and faith in Jesus Christ his Son, are the sources whereby all spiritual supports and comforts are obtained by the believers in the gospel. It is the glory of God's power to bring sinners to repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

In the next place, the apostle assures the brethren that God gives exceeding great and precious promises of wonderful blessings to those who maintain this faith in Jesus Christ. The pardon of sins is a blessing intended in this connection, for Christ has promised salvation to everyone who will repent and accept him as Lord and Master. Then, there is the promise of the blessings which the gospel of Christ has in store for all true servants of God. The Apostle Peter plainly intimates also that those who receive the promises of the gospel are "partakers of the divine nature." They are renewed in the Spirit; that is, advanced in the Christian graces, through the means of righteousness by their exercise of faith in Christ and the performance of Christian works among the people for whom they are laboring to win to Christ.

Our Need of Greater Service

It is true, busy followers of Christ more readily escape or shun evil enticements than others because their hearts and minds are centered upon living true Christian lives, and carrying the gospel message to lost souls. They have no time for lustful desires nor for the pride of life, for such do not appeal to them because they are seeking to render noble services in God's kingdom.

It is our Christian duty to have faith in Christ as the Son of God, and to show our concern for the lost. We should be fervent in the Spirit, ready and willing to render services for the good of those who stand in need of spiritual blessings. Our relation to the church and to others in the church should be manifested in the true spirit of love one for the other. Our concern for the lost should be that of humble service unto them in a way which would draw them to the fold of God. It is our Christian duty to make sacrifices for them in the name of Jesus that they might become followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot be too careful about the way we live and conduct ourselves in our daily walk among them, for the better Christians we really are the more readily will sinners observe our ways and come to Christ.

IN TIME OF SORROW

(A prayer)

ETERNAL FATHER, Thou whose goodness abounds forever, and whose mercies never fail, we turn to Thee in humble trust. We confide in Thy goodness. We depend on Thy mercies. In this hour of sadness, may Thy grace sustain us. We thank Thee for the Gospel of Thy love, and for our assurance, in Christ, of a life beyond this life. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing, not even death, can remove Thy children from the embrace of Thy love.

Open our eyes, O God, that we may see the Father's House on high, and may we be assured that they who have gone from our sight have found a better life and a more perfect rest in Thee. All this we would ask in the faith and the Spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom alone we go for words of eternal life. AMEN.

By Glen Stewart (of
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A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks for the contribution from the Conference, Carteret Union and Superannuation. I am still helpless and blind. I solicit the prayers of all the praying people.

Sincerely,
Elder L. C. Garner.

WHY OUGHT CHRISTIANS TO TITHE?

By Rev. George N. Luccock, D. D.

(Honorable Mention Tract in Wood Prize Contest)

The answer is in the name they bear. They are followers of Christ. They have taken the teaching of Christ as the rule of life. And Christ said they ought to tithe. He said so once explicitly, and implicitly many times.

According to Jesus there is a wrong way to think about tithing and there is a right way to think about it. He rebuked the wrong way. And He put the seal of His approval on the right way. The man who went up to the temple to pray, and thanked God that he was not as other men, and prided himself on the paying of tithes, thought of tithing in the wrong way. The Pharisees who set up a program of tithing so full and minute as to include the tiniest vegetables, and made of that program a screen behind which they could pass over justice, mercy, faith and the love of God, were rebuked by Jesus. Paying up is a good thing in itself, but it becomes a perverted good thing when it is made the excuse for passing over another and a higher duty. Paying up one's lawful tithes is no excuse for passing up the weightier matters of the law.

It was in connection with His rebuke of that sin that Jesus said the word, final and effective, for clinching the duty of tithing in the conscience of the Christian. What Jesus rebuked was the sin of omission. And He did it in such a way as to warn His followers against two sins of omission. One of these two sins of omission was the sin of the Pharisees in omitting the weightier matters of the law, such as justice, love and mercy. The other was the sin of omitting to pay tithes. The word of Jesus was a two-edged sword that cut both ways. It cut against the sin of omitting to magnify justice, love, mercy and faith. And it cut just as certainly and sharply against the sin of omitting to pay tithes. The exact words of the Master give an impressiveness to that double cut which we fail to feel in our English Bible. Jesus played on, and played up, the word "omit" in both the rebuke and the injunction. He rebuked the Pharisees for omitting the weightier matters of the law. And He enjoined the Christians not to omit the paying of tithes. To omit either is to commit a sin of omission.

The force of our Lord's endorsement of the principle of the tithe may be felt in a paraphrase. Jesus said in effect, "You Pharisees have been scrupulously careful to pay tithes to the limit of the law, and at the same time you have omitted the weightier matters of the law—justice, mercy, love and faith. These highest duties of the law you ought to have done, and at the same time you ought not to omit the paying of tithes." In both parts of this searching deliverance touching these related duties, one of them clearly major, the other just as certainly intrinsically important though relatively minor, and both of them abiding duties, Jesus hits hard at the sin of omitting either.

Besides this explicit statement that tithing is a religious practice that ought not to be omitted, the duty is clearly implied in many of the great teachings of Jesus about the subtle dangers to which the Christian life is exposed and about the urgent Kingdom undertakings to which it is committed. A typical danger is the deceitfulness of riches. One of the perennial weeds in the garden of prosperity is the Forget-me-God, often growing right by the lovely Forget-me-nots. It is everlastingly true that they that will be rich fall into many a snare of the devil, and that all men, as riches increase, are tempted to set their hearts upon them. Jesus was never more in earnest than when, from different angles, He threw out the warning against letting the heart become infatuated with earthly treasure, and His scorn never more biting than when He showed up the fool who was not rich toward God.

What has that to do with tithing? Much every way, but chiefly in this, that the practice of tithing is the divinely enjoined and experience-demonstrated way of reminding a man that, not he, but God, is the owner of his possessions. If a man has a thousand dollar mortgage on his home, he may forget it most of the year, but he has a searching reminder of it when the interest is due. If the habit of tithing did nothing more for a Christian, it has this unspeakable value to his soul, that it keeps him from forgetting his immeasurable debt to God. The tenth is not by any means all that a man owes to God. It is rather for most of us the necessary symbol and reminder of the truth that "all to Him we owe." Nothing is more helpful to spiritual enlargement than the growing feeling that all possession, even life itself, is a trust from God.

This is quite in line with all that Jesus said about His coming not to destroy but to fulfil the law. He came not to make duty smaller but bigger, not to scale life to a lower level but to make it larger. It was ever His way to push a law of life back of its passing framework in Jewish institutions into its original principle. Like many another principle imbedded in the duties taught by Jesus, the law of tithing antedated Jewish institutions. Its lineage is as mysterious as that of Melchizedek. It is not on record that any human legislature, inspired or uninspired, originated the law of the tithe. Like the King of Salem, who received tithes from Abraham, the law is without known parentage. Apparently the will to pay tithes was directly begotten of God in the heart of man, and born twin to the impulse to devote the life to God's service.

When a Jew became a Christian, he and the law changed places. Before, he was under the law. After conversion, the law was under him. He was not under but over the law, or rather around it, since the law was within him, written on his heart. That meant, not that he should be less obedient to God, but more obedient to God and in a larger, freer way. It did not mean that he would give less, but rather more, and give it more cheerfully. The New Testament principle of giving, like the New Testa-

ment principle of living, is vastly bigger than either is expressed in Old Testament laws. And this is so in part because the principle of living and giving, which was in the beginning, and which had been temporarily framed in passing Jewish institutions, came into a larger liberty of expression under the Gospel. The law of living, which at the same time is the law of giving, is not abolished. It is rather fulfilled, filled fuller, expanded into wider reaches. The bud passes away, but the life in the bud is not abolished when it breaks into bloom and frames into fruit. No more is the principle of the tithe abolished in the passing of Jewish institutions when these come to their fulfilment in the life and leadership of Jesus.

If a converted Jew of today should sing, "I'm free from the Law, O happy condition!" and mean by it that since he had become a Christian he was free to give less than the old Jewish law of the tithe, the inference would be that in becoming a Christian he had retained his typical Jewish instincts rather than acquired typical Christian impulses. Should the average Christian expect less of himself in the way of giving than he expects of a converted Jew? If when a modern Jew becomes Christian he ought to do so with a completer consecration of his possessions than he had made as a Jew, should the average Christian be satisfied with a standard of giving lower than that of the Old Testament Jew?

The program of Jesus, by its vast advance upon the old program of the Jews, compels an enlarged rather than a lessened use of the religious principle of giving. On the one hand the Christian lives in the midst of an ever-increasing charm of worldliness and therefore in the midst of increasing temptation to forget God. On the other hand the Christian is committed to world-serving enterprise calling for a larger consecration of possessions than ever entered into the heart of the ancient Jews. The Christian program of promoting justice, mercy, love and faith, through the spread of the Gospel, makes hitherto undreamed-of demand upon Christian income. If the maintenance of Jewish institutions required their laws of the tithe, much more does the furtherance of the Christian program necessitate an enlargement of the principle of giving embodied in those laws. The Christian slogan is, The Tithe as the Minimum of our proportionate giving.

There is another and a more intimate way in which the Lord Jesus puts His seal on the Christian practice of giving at least a tenth of income for Kingdom uses. In a very rich and peculiar way He bestows His peace and imparts His joy to them who out of love for Him render the tribute of their tithes. He speaks peace to the unquiet heart and conscience, causing the uneasiness, born of withholding more than is meet, to subside. And He fills the liberal soul with joy. Christians who have adopted the rule of giving at least a tenth of their net income to the Lord, after due trial give warm witness to such satisfaction in giving as they had never known before. And that satisfaction is of the Lord. It is one of the Master's ways of signifying His good pleasure. And the Christian, having proved how good and acceptable and perfect is this law of the mind, feels like repeating the vow of Jacob, and feels like saying, after the manner of that historic tither, "Surely the Lord is in this way, and I knew it not."

—American Tract Society, 7 West 45th Street, New York.

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WHO HAS THE KEYS

For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible (v. 52). A grief-stricken father handed the key of his little girl's casket to the keeper of the cemetery. The minister, noticing the father's helpless despair, said, "You think the key to your little child's casket is in the hand of the keeper of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God, and He will come some morning and use it." Then the light broke through the man's tears, and he saw the glory of the resurrection. — From Moody Monthly.

HE NEEDS YOU

But what are they among so many? (John 6: 9).

Only five barley loaves!
  Only two fishes small!
And shall I offer these poor gifts
  To Christ, the Lord of all?

To Him whose mighty word
  Can still the angry sea,
Can cleanse the lepers, raise the dead?
  He hath no need of me.

Yes, He hath need of thee;
  Then bring thy loaves of bread;
Behold with them, when Jesus speaks,
  The multitudes are fed.

And when thine eyes shall see
  The holy ransomed throng,
In heavenly fields, by living streams,
  By Jesus led along.

Unspeakable thy joy shall be,
  And glorious thy reward,
If, by thy barley loaves, one soul
  Has been brought home to God.

—From the Otterbein Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENT

Free Will Baptist Church services are being held in Houston, Texas, Paschal at North Main Street, upstairs in a hall rented from the Woodmen of the World. The services are under the direction of Rev. H. Ray Berry.

If any of the subscribers to the Baptist have any friends living in Houston who are Free Will Baptists, it would help this cause if you would be so kind as to notify your friend of the services being held or notify Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1008 Peddie Street, Houston, Texas, giving the name and address of the friend and we will contact him.

We humbly seek the prayers of everyone who is interested in the development and the future of the Free Will Baptist Church.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

With or Without Christ—Which?

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12: 30).

Christ declared with no uncertain language, while on earth, that "no person could serve two masters." On several occasions He drew the line and let it be known that there were two forces in the spiritual life. These two forces are God and Satan. Christ the Son of God is hated by the Devil, that "old serpent," the devil. Christ made it clear that we could not serve the Devil and follow Him. That is the one that is on the side of Satan will follow Satan, and the one that is on the Lord's side will follow Christ. Let us examine ourselves and answer the following questions sanely.

First Question

If it takes four drinks of liquor to make a person drunk, is it not true that when he takes one drink that he is one-fourth drunk? When he takes two drinks is he not half drunk? Three drinks make the person three-fourths drunk? Possibly no sane person would deny that this is mathematically true, and certainly it is true spiritually.

What Would Jesus Do?

Would Jesus take the first drink? _____(write your answer in each space) Would Jesus vote to legalize liquor?_____ Would Jesus put liquor and beer in every place possible for the convenience of those who are so weak as to defile themselves with the damnable stuff? _____ Do you believe that Jesus is pleased with the liquor drinking of the United States? _____ Do you believe that Jesus would have voted for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment?_____ Do you believe that Jesus is pleased with those who did? _____ Do you have any idea that Jesus had one thing to do with making the law in North Carolina that permits A. B. C. stores—the liquor stores in which poor, weak, demon possessed souls are led captive to drink their way into hell? _____. Do you think that Jesus would advocate, by voting for, or sanctioning in any way, the manufacture, the sale or the use of alcoholic beverages?_____. If Jesus would not do any of the above things asked of you, ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF JESUS? "He that is not with me is against me" said Jesus. Who are you following? No dodging the question. No dodging of the truth. No dodging the truth at the JUDGMEND BAR OF GOD.

Milk vs. Liquor

"Trucks, tires and gasoline can be obtained for the delivery of beer and whiskey, but they are restricted for use in delivering milk. The Government explains this favoritism towards the liquor traffic with the excuse that it is in the wholesale distribution of beer and whiskey that tires and gas are permitted and that it is in the retail distribution of milk that these necessary factors are restricted. Whatever might be the excuse of the Government, no right-thinking person can justify the use of tires and gas in delivering beer and whiskey while the same are restricted in delivering milk; no person can claim rightfully that it is more important to deliver barrels of beer and whiskey than it is to deliver bottles of milk."—Literature of United Dry Forces.

If it was absolutely necessary to vote on one or the other—which way would you vote—For tires and gas to deliver milk, or tires and gas to deliver beer and whiskey? Well, every one of us are voting either for milk, or beer and whiskey, in our daily life and habits.

Yes We Are Willing

"Every patriotic citizen is willing to have tires, gas, sugar and other merchandise rationed, and is willing to make these and many other sacrifices, but our people are unwilling to have millions of bushels of grain and millions of pounds of sugar and other much needed materials wasted in the manufacture of liquor, while these essentials of life are being restricted in our homes and for other legitimate uses." — United Dry Forces.

Posters Mailed Out

We have mailed out nearly four hundred posters setting forth information on the SIX-POINT PROGRAM. Brother Clerk place the poster where it can be seen in your church. Brother Minister help out with the good work. We are nearly two months late in getting these posters to you, but the rush in printing and the labor and material conditions have caused the delay. If your church gets more than one poster it is for your leading class rooms. If you fail to get a poster let me know and I will be glad to supply you, as I have a few on hand for this purpose.

To Show Our Pictures

I am to be at Shiloh, Beaufort County, March the Second and at Elizabeth City, St. Paul's church, on March the Third.

I have just received an invitation from Daily's Chapel. If there are other churches in that community, or between New Bern and Seven Springs, that want to see the Bible School and the Orphanage and F. W. B. Press at Ayden, in pictures, just let me know at once. Owing to the rationing of gas I cannot make long jumps, unless it is the only thing that can be done about it.

THE ONES WHO NEVER GAVE THANKS

When he had given thanks (v. 11). An honest farmer was asked to dine with a gentleman, and there asked a blessing at table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That is old-fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at table." The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of his household never prayed over their food. "Ah, then," said the gentleman, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" the farmer answered, "They are my pigs." —From the Christian Herald.

DESTINY AND VICTORY AT STAKE

By
William N. Ainsworth
Bishop of the Methodist Church

No Living Man ever before faced such an hour as confronts the world today. The leading nations of the world are spending staggering sums of money to preserve their very existence. The United States will hold back nothing to crush the highwaymen that are all out to destroy all civilization that is based on Christian principle.

This struggle will apparently take a large part, or in the end it may be all, of our estimated national wealth. Already the government is laying its controlling hand upon many commodities of universal use in the people's life and nearly everywhere there is cheerful compliance with these restrictive regulations.

But so far nothing has been done that particularly counts in restricting the sale and use of alcoholic liquors. Walter Winchell has declared in his widely read columns that the governmental heads in Washington have promised the liquor and beer interests of America that nothing will be done that will seriously interfere with their business. The clock is striking the hour for a general uprising of the citizens of America, who want an all-out investment of our resources to bring this war to a victorious close, to demand that the beverage liquor traffic be stopped short, at least for the duration of the war. It is no time to take the family sugar bowl and gasoline tank and all but empty them for the war effort, along with requisitioned tires and automobiles, while everybody can buy and use all the liquor and beer they want.

Moreover, no war was ever won with the free use of alcoholic liquors and beer, but they have been lost through unrestrained debauchery. This was a potent factor in the recent French disaster and is a real peril to our own armies now. All that Lincoln and Gladstone and Bismarck said about it is still true. We cannot base a conquering morale on anything less than sound morals and the American Government owes it to the fathers and mothers of our fighting forces, as well as to these lads themselves, to keep liquor and prostitutes entirely out of the range in which they move. And then when our enemies have been vanquished, and enduring peace will be as difficult as the conflict at arms. We must not have a nation of liquor debauched youth to make it all the more difficult. Destiny and victory now are at stake and both are crying in siren tones for an awakened nation—against liquor and vice as the real allies of the Axis enemies against us.—The Voice.

MAKING SUNDAY A BLESSING

There is a point of view which many Christians have found to be a real help in considering how to spend Sunday. If the following text is written over that day, figuratively speaking, it will solve many problems: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10: 31). Long pleasure excursions that use up time and strength and that keep one away from Sunday school and church, cannot be to the glory of God, and are bad preparation for a good start on Monday. Long, aimless conversations often degenerate into gossip, and are certainly not wholesome occupation for Sunday (or any other day). Even visiting among relatives and friends needs to be moderate and Spirit controlled. But when one asks, not, "Cannot I do thus and so on Sunday?" but, "What can I do for the Lord on Sunday?" the day is seen in a different light. There is abundant opportunity for service in Sunday school and church and young people's societies, and if the business of the week is resolutely put aside, and time is taken for real rest, profitable reading, and wholesome conversation with other Christians about the things of the Lord, blessing for spirit, soul, and body is sure to be the result. And private and public worship, in personal prayer and Bible study and in company with other Christians, are a vital part of the blessing that comes from a well spent Sunday.

—In S. S. Times

SPRING BRANCH NEWS

I should like to write about some of the news or activities of Spring Branch Church. On last Sunday, being the first Sunday in February, our pastor, Reverend W. L. Moretz, delivered a beautiful message from Second Timothy 2: 3. His subject was: "Christian Soldiers in the Army of Christ."

With Brother Moretz's leadership, our church is off to a good start on another year's work. We are striving to press forword as good soldiers of the cross. I am happy to report that since the publication of the last article of Spring Branch news, our Sunday School attendance has increased considerably. At the suggestion of our assistant superintendent, we have adopted "Jesus Saves," as our theme song, and indeed we have heard the "joyful sound" and do know that Jesus does save.

Although we do not have an organized Ladies Aid, the women of our church are, in no wise, unactive. Some time ago some of the ladies decided that we should furnish a room at the Orphanage. In a very short while a sufficient fund was brought forward.

Mid-week prayer meetings are still being observed. Last Sunday our hearts were made glad because a number of our old friends, as well as several new ones, came out to worship with us. May I say to friends everywhere that a hearty welcome awaits you at Spring Branch Church. We are always glad to have you come out to worship with us.

Lorene Beaman,
Walstonburg, N. C.

THERE IS A LAD HERE

How apt we are to overlook these lads—yet how often mere boys have proved to be valuable servants of Christ when given an opportunity to minister to Him. This lad had "five barley loaves, and two small fishes," and they seemed a very inadequate supply indeed. But they were his all and he gave them to the Lord.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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A MESSAGE TO FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENTS

In cars, busses, on street cars and trains; everywhere we go these days, are men in uniform—soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guards, those wearing the insignia of air service. And women in the uniform of the WAACS and the WAVE's. It spells the fact that those who wear the uniforms are "in the service." Many are employed in the factories and defense plants, both men and women alike, doing war defense work. There is a real foe that the nation must fight; a power that threatens to overthrow that which heroes of past battles died to preserve for us as a nation. Proudly, unfalteringly, uncomplainingly, sacrifices are made. Sons, brothers, sweethearts and husbands are sent away with brave smiles, concealing bleeding hearts, and keeping back the flowing tears. It should rightfully be so as long as a righteous cause supports the conflict.

I should like to remind the women of the Free Will Baptist denomination that we as "soldiers of the Cross" are in a great spiritual conflict. The community in which you live is your battle ground, and the enemy seeks to destroy, and bring misery and woe, and sickness, and death to both body and soul. We are engaged, not in an effort to destroy lives, but to save souls. Are we faithful to the Great Cause? Is our service such that it is worthy of commendation from our Commander? Have we been victorious?

About half of the year of service, since we met in the National Convention, at Columbus, Miss., last July, lies behind us. If we have victories to report, battles have been won and the enemy defeated. Praise the Lord! Let us press forward, for there is much yet to be done, and no place to halt. There is no time, now, to rest. No time to evade the issue, or for any to say "there is nothing for me to do." Buckle on the Armor; take the Sword of the Spirit, and "fight the good fight of faith" not for a day, week, month or year, but "till Jesus comes." "Look all around you, find someone in need, help somebody today." See the dying, suffering, sin sick world; then go to the great source, the Fountain Head of Divine Love, and fill your soul with His compassion, and pity and tenderness until you are constrained, forced, compelled, impelled forward, to faithful service.

I trust the women are faithfully keeping a list of the boys from their community that are in the service and continually remembering them in prayer. It would be a good thing for each woman to place the list before her at "the Hour of Prayer" and take time to call their names to the Lord. Surely no one needs prayer more than our boys, not nearly so much for protection from the physical danger that confronts them, as for protection from the wicked environment into which they are constantly thrown. Keep giving out, when opportunity offers, tracts, gospels, and Christian literature. Send such literature to them in camp. Some lonely hour may cause some boy to read a "Gem" or a "Baptist" or a good tract when at home he would not have given such reading a thought.

Fifth vice-presidents of district, state and local Auxiliaries, I am calling on you to be good soldiers. See that the Plan of Work is faithfully carried out. I earnestly pray that the last half of our year's work will count even more in manifest results of loving service than the past six months have done. I offer no new suggestions, but if the Fifth Vice-Presidents are consecrated, and "on the job;" if the personal service committees are performing their duties; and if the entire plan of work is carried out, there is plenty of work for all to do, and surely we shall "Come rejoicing, Bringing in the Sheaves." May the blessings of God attend every act of service done in His blessed Name who loved us, and saved us by His grace.

This is the prayer of your National Fifth Vice-President.

Elsie M. Curtis

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WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Ac. 1: 8).

Jesus said "ye shall receive power and ye shall be my witnesses." The power which Jesus spoke of was not the power of the world. He spoke of spiritual power. The power that can lead us in the paths which would make us fit to be one of God's followers and witnesses. There are some today who seek to obtain some other power—power of financial gain that they might become rich, and obtain the things of the world. This is not the power that Jesus promised, for God said, "Lay not up treasures here upon earth, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven." Where your treasure is there will be your heart also.

Jesus said that we are to be His witnesses. Are we God's witnesses, or are we witnessing for the Devil and for the things of the world? If we art to be God's witnesses, we would surely be willing to speak and witness for Him. If we are dumb witnesses, then we make poor witnesses.

"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses" (Ac. 2: 32). God received Jesus up to be with Him after He was crucified, and raised from the dead. He left only His followers here upon earth to be witnesses for Him. Jesus was God's witness, but now He has only His followers as His witnesses. Are we true followers and witnesses for Him?

Jesus promised us spiritual power after we became His followers. Remember, He said, "ye are my witnesses." Have we received that spiritual power? Or are we dumb witnesses, trying to serve God in form, but not in spiritual power. God has promised this power to us. Why not accept it, and be true witnesses. Are we willing today to speak for Him, or are we sitting still, trying to worship God as dumb witnesses?

"For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off. Even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Here we have the promise of God's power to make us witnesses for Him. May we become true followers and witnesses for Him. Let us remember we are His only witnesses, for He has only His followers who are to speak and to witness for Him through His Spirit. He is willing to give that spiritual power to all who will accept Him as their Saviour, and be His disciples.

May we ask and obtain more of God's spiritual power, and then be better witnesses for God in these trying times. The more spiritual power we have the more able will we be to overcome the things of the world. May we ask and obtain more of God's spiritual power so that we may become better Christian workers and be more faithful followers and witnesses for God.

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Christian Chapel met in regular monthly meeting on Saturday night, February the sixth, in the home of Mrs. Clarence Howard. The meeting was opened by the members present singing the theme song, "I Love to Tell the Story." Then, Mrs. Ivey Rhodes offered prayer. The members then sang the song, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," which corresponded well with our lesson, as we were studying prayer for the month of February.

We next entered into our discussion of the lesson which was taken from our Year Book of Programs. We had also some good readings on prayer which were offered by some members of our Aid. We were again led in a word of prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with nine members present.

Activities

Bible chapters read	466
Sick visits made	25
Quarts of milk given	35
Hospital visits made	6
Dues collected	$1.40
Rainy day money received	$1.16
New members added to list	1

It was decided that we would meet at the home of Mrs. Bertie Howard in March. The meeting was closed by the members singing a hymn, after which the benediction was offered by our president, Mrs. Jimmie Tyndall.

Mrs. Jimmie Tyndall, President,

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes, Secretary

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
Women and the Church (Louise Novotny)	$ .60
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How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

HABITATION OF PEACE

By Mrs. Clarence Nystrom

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.—Psalm 122: 6.

Jerusalem, a city strangely named,
Your days of peace are lost in years of war.
Near fifty devastations you have known.
Blockades and captures, Temple plunderings,
Destruction, siege, and ruin commonplace.
Successive generations all have shared
Familiar recognition of your woe.

Your Wailing Wall is dampened with your tears;
Green fields and valleys are Megiddo plains;
Your heavens are iron, your earth is now as brass,
And desolation marks your colonnades.
An unrepentant race, you suffer still
With sanctuaries held by heathen hands.

A day shall come when you shall mourn in faith;
When supplicating, David's house shall cry.
You'll look upon the pierced One again
And mourn for Him as for an only son.
Then Peace shall come to Zion's holy mount.

—In S. S. Times

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read:
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word,
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

—The Christian

You too, sinner, may do one of two things: you may accept Him, and live, or you may trample under foot the Son of God, and perish.

News and Views of Our Young People

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ALBEMARLE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Albemarle League Convention met with Free Union Church on January 30, 1943. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. H. S. Hardison. She read for her scripture lesson First Cortinthians the thirteenth chapter. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Hales. We were favored with special music by Mrs. William Webster and Mrs. William A. Rhem. After this the meeting was given over to the president of the convention, Mrs. Archie Willoughby. She appointed Mrs. H. T. Fowler and Mrs. William Webster as Digest Committee. After a few remarks by the president, the list of churches was called and the following leagues responded:

Leagues and Contributions

Malachi's Chapel Intermediate League	$1.00
Malachi's Chapel, Junior League	.25
St. Paul, Elizabeth City, Adult League	1.00
St. Paul, Elizabeth City, Senior League	.50
St. Paul, Elizabeth City, Junior League	.50
Hickory Chapel, Adult League	1.00
Hickory Chapel, Senior League	.50
Hickory Chapel, Intermediate League	1.00
Hickory Chapel, Junior, No. 2	1.00
Free Union, St. Paul Adult League	.50
Free Union, Ever Ready Senior League	.30
Free Union, Clarence Bowen Inter.	.25
Free Union, Duff Toler, Junior	.25
Total amount to the convention	$8.05

This was the time for the election of officers, and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Archie Willoughby; vice-president, Mrs. H. T. Fowler; secretary, Miss Alice Webster; and treasurer, Mrs. William Webster.

February being Home Mission month, a motion was made and carried that we pay $10.00 for Home Missions. The Digest Committee gave their report. They decided, after careful consideration of each report, that the Clarence Bowen Intermediate League had won the banner again.

After the business was over, we were given a program by the Free Union leagues. Special prayer was offered for all the boys in the Armed Forces of our country by Rev. W. A. Hales. The Friendship Committee, consisting of Mrs. Jimmie Wallace, expressed appreciation to the leagues and community for the nice way in which the convention had been entertained.

The meeting closed to meet with Mt. Tabor Church on May 29, 1943.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
President,
(Miss) Alice Webster,
Secretary

THE UNERRING GUIDE

I have a proved, unerring Guide,
Whose love I'm loth to grieve;
He brings me golden promises
My heart can scarce receive;
He leadeth me, and hope and cheer
Doth for my path provide,
For dreary nights and days of drought:
Have you so sure a Guide?
Quench not the faintest whisper
That the heavenly dove may bring;
He seeks with holy love to lure
The wanderer 'neath His wing.

—Anna Shipton

SECURITY

By Helen Frazee-Bower

Though battles rage, and foes oppress,
And Satan's darts be hurled,
Above the very real distress
That haunts a stricken world,
I lift my head. Though shoulders bend
Beneath the chastening rod,
Secure I'll walk unto the end—
For I remember God.

And even though the flesh should fail,
And faint this heart should grow,
When fears confound, and doubts assail,
Still am I safe, I know—
As safe, when floundering in clods
As clothed with dignity—
For I am Christ's, and Chist is God's,
And God remembers me.

THE BIBLE

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CHRIST IS ITS SUBJECT, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure.

It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.—Anon.

—Selected

DAYBREAK

The morning light is breaking,
  The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking
  To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
  Brings from afar
Of nations in commotion,
  Prepared for Zion's war.

See heathen nations bending
  Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
  In gratitude above;
While sinners now confessing,
  The gospel shall obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing,
  A nation in a day.

Blest river of salvation,
  Pursue thy onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
  Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly
  Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy
  Proclaim, "The Lord is come."

—F. S. Smith

LETTER FROM WINTERVILLE

North Carolina

Dear Editor:

Since I have been reading the Baptist paper here of late, I thought I might write a short letter for publication.

I was reared in a Free Will Baptist home. I have a reverence for the Baptist paper, and also for the church for which it stands. It is like meeting an old friend, as it was a weekly visitor in my Father's home when I first could remember.

The first editor I can recall was Elder R. K. Hearn. The paper was printed at New Bern, North Carolina. My parents, B. T. Lewis and Dorcas B. Lewis, were pioneer members of Warden's Grove Church in Pamlico County. They gave their time and means for its support. They were never too busy that they could not take time off to go to church at Quarterly Meetings on Saturday.

My Father braved the rough winds and waves of Pamlico River to bring Elder J. W. Linton of Sidney back and forth to Lowland for ten or twelve years while he was pastor there. He tried to attend the Union Meetings and General Conferences that were in reach where he could travel with horse and buggy.

Black Jack Church was quite a familiar name to me when I moved in Pitt County. I had heard him speak of it so very many times.

My heart yearns to see once more old Warden's Grove Church. I know there have been some good confessions and many have found the Lord there within its walls during the passing years. My Father died in January, 1909, and my Mother in February, 1910. May God's peace rest upon their ashes.

Mrs. Laura Cayton, of
Winterville, Route 2,
and Lowland, N. C.

PLAN OF WORK

As Fourth Vice-President of the Central District Auxiliary Convention, I wish to state my plan of work through the Baptist paper.

First, each society is asked to study one book on **Stewardship.** Second, give one program on **Stewardship** and take an offering which is to be sent to the Fourth Vice-President along with your report which is to be used in promoting this phase of the work. Third, enlist as many tithers as you can. Remember to send your report at least one week before the convention meets, which is on March 31st with Little Creek Church in Greene County.

Yours for service,
Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Fourth Vice-Pres.,
Ayden, North Carolina

REPORT OF RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

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JESUS RESTORES LAZARUS TO LIFE

(Lesson for February 28)

Lesson: John 11: 20-29, 32-35, 38-44. Read: John 11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Resurrection, and the Life" (John 11: 25).

The Keeper of the Keys

A grief-stricken father handed the key of his little girl's casket to the keeper of the cemetery. The minister, noticing the father's helpless despair, said, "You think the key to your little child's casket is in the hand of the keeper of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God, and He will come some morning and use it." Then the light broke through the man's tears, and he saw the glory of the resurrection.—Moody Monthly.

The Bright Side Is the Right Side

A minister fell in company with another traveler. They talked together for some time. Finally the stranger remarked to the minister, "Sir, I think you must be on the wrong side of fifty." "On the wrong side of fifty! No, sir, I am on the right side of fifty." "Surely," the traveler said, "you must be turned fifty." "Yes, sir, but on the right side; for every year I live I am nearer my crown of glory." R. F. Horton relates that Fanny Crosby in her illness remarked, "How can anyone call it a dark valley? It is all light and love!" Then stretching her arms out to Christ, she whispered, "I could run to meet Him!"—The S. S. Times.

"There and there only is the power to save.
There no delusive hope invites despair,
No mock'ry meets you, no deception there.
The spells and charms that blinded you before,
All vanish there and fascinate no more.

—Cowper

II. Home Work

1. What is the diference between the raising of Lazarus and the future resurrection of the dead? (John 11: 23, 24; 1 Cor. 15: 42-44).

2. Why was Lazarus allowed to fall sick and die? (John 11: 4, 14, 15, 43-45).

3. What three Old Testament characters were raised from the dead? (1 Kings 17; 2 Kings, Chapter 4 and 13).

4. How does the raising of Lazarus differ from the raising of the widow's son and that of Jairus' daughter? (Luke 7; Mark 5).

Through what means will all the dead be raised again in the day of the resurrection? (John 5: 24-29).

For what reason has God planned to raise all the dead? (Dan. 12: 2; Lu. 14: 14; John 5: 29).

How did Jesus destroy him that had the power of death; that is, the devil? (Heb. 2: 14; Rev. 1: 18).

How is Jesus able to save to the uttermost all who now believe on Him? (Heb. 7: 25).

How should we seek for immortality and lay hold of eternal life? (Rom. 2: 7; 1 Tim. 6: 12).

The story of Lazarus' resurrection from the dead is familiar to most Bible readers, and yet there are certain important phases of the story that a casual reader fails to get, or understand. It has been the aim of the writer of this lesson to lay emphasis upon the significant truths that are worthy of careful consideration. Those who study the lesson, therefore, should seek to learn the most important things taught in the story.

This paragraph from the **Advanced Quarterly** should be kept in mind as we study the lesson in this and the **Senior Quarterly.**

The Experience of Lazarus

We shall trace the steps in the experience of Lazarus, so as to get the picture clearly before our mental vision.

1. Lazarus was sick (vss. 1, 2).
2. Lazarus was loved by Jesus (vs. 3).
3. Lazarus died as the result of his sickness (vs. 14).
4. Lazarus was buried (vs. 38).
5. Lazarus' body had gone over to decomposition (vs. 39).
6. Lazarus was brought back to life by the Word of Christ (vs. 43).
7. Lazarus was liberated by human hands (vs. 44).
8. Lazarus was found at the table in communion with the Lord Jesus (12:2).
9. Lazarus became the cause for many of the Jews believing on Jesus (12:11).
10. Lazarus became the object of great and bitter hatred (12-10).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

They Do Not Die Happy

O death, where is thy sting? "What did you do to our daughter?" asked a Moslem woman whose child had died at sixteen years of age. "We did nothing," answered the missionary. "Oh, yes, you did," persisted the mother. "She died smiling. Our people do not die like that." The girl had found Christ and believed in Him a few months before.

Defying Resurrection

More than a hundred years ago, an infidel died in Hanover, Germany. Before his death he ordered that above his grave several large slabs of granite should be placed, bound together with iron bands, and above it all a huge stone block weighing almost two tons. It was done. On the stone the inscription was put, "This grave is purchased for eternity; it shall never be opened." Somehow a little poplar seed was inclosed in the mold within the tomb. God in His power caused it to sprout. A little shoot found a crevice between the iron-bound slabs. Its hidden power in course of time broke the iron bands asunder and moved every stone out

of its original position. The whole structure is displaced completely and the grave is opened thereby. The tree still lives and waves its branches over the rent sepulchre, which the infidel declared should never be opened. It just needed a tiny little seed, one of God's marvels in crettion, to answer the challenge of the infidel.—Moody Monthly.

UNION REPORT

The Union meeting of the First District of the Western Association met with Union Grove Church in Wayne County on January 29, 1943.

Rev. Rommie Mitchell led the opening devotions. The moderator then declared the union open for business. The program for this union was not published in time for this union, so no one knew what duty had been assigned to be performed. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. The list of ministers was called and a letter from Rev. Clarence Bowen, expressing regrets at not being able to attend this union meeting was read. Rev. James A. Evans sent greetings by Mrs. Evans. Rev. A. P. Lee also sent best wishes and regrets at not being able to attend.

Rev. J. H. Worley made some splendid remarks concerning the urging of our ministers to try to attend these union meetings in person, or by letter. Rev. J. H. Worley was chosen by the union to preach at the eleven o'clock hour. The afternoon session was called together by singing and prayer, which was offered by Rev. J. S. Overman.

The list of churches was called, and the representation was good. All represented but two with contributions. There was an offering taken for the Orphanage to the amount of $14.04. The Finance Committee and Treasurer made their report.

Carried over from last union	$ 29.51
Received today	61.50
Collection for Orphanage	14.04
Pine Level Church letter received	3.00
Total on hand	$108.05

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$39.04
To disabled ministers	25.00
Union meeting expenses	12.00
Total paid out	$76.04
Balance on hand	$32.01

This report was accepted. The next union meeting will be held at Micro Church, Johnson County. There was a vote of thanks extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality given to this union. By motion we closed the union until the next time in course.

W. R. Williams, Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary and Treasurer

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

The Albemarle Union convened with Free Union Church in Beaufort County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1943. In the absence of Rev. R. P. Harris, Rev. W. A. Hales conducted the devotional services. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. M. Radcliff. Due to the absence of the moderator and the vice-moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales was presented to the union by the clerk to act as moderator protem for this session.

The following ministers were present: D. M. Radcliff, W. A. Hales, T. F. Davenport. The business of the union was entered into, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called with nine responding with an offering of $11.87 for missions; $17.50 for the union. Then the business was called off for preaching services, and Rev. W. A. Hales brought the eleven o'clock message.

At 1:30 in the afternoon, we reassembled in the church and the devotions were conducted by Rev. T. F. Davenport. The new officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: W. A. Hales, moderator; T. F. Davenport, vice-moderator; J. A. Harris, clerk. The old committee was appointed on the Mission Board. The appropriation committee was I. W. Fowler, J. E. Foreman and Milton Radcliff. Henry Webster was elected as treasurer. The program committee consists of Mrs. Archie Willoughby.

Motion One: That we ask the clerk to write our church a card concerning the letter that Brother Alonza Reynolds sent to the union.

Motion Two: That our clerk write D. R .Harris and ask him to get in touch with the church at Norfolk, Virginia, and invite them to take membership with us.

All committee reports were made and accepted by the union. The petitions for the next union were taken up and it was decided to meet with Mt. Tabor Church in Washington County in May. A motion was made that we pay the treasurer $2.00 for his services. It was moved that we give Union Grove $10.00 out of the union meeting funds, and $10.00 out of the mission funds to make the $20.00 to apply on their church building; and we send $10.00 to our school in Nashville, Tennessee.

There being no further business, we adjourned to meet with Mt. Tabor Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1943.

Rev. W. A. Hales,
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Boys and Girls Corner

THE TRAMP—BUT THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED

Tell me, sir, what carry you in the sack?
Ah, child, a weight of sin and care!

But, sir, how weary your back!
And my heart, how full of despair!

But, sir, Jesus will help you.
And, pray, what can He do for me?

Oh, sir, He'll take them, He's Jesus!
Will Jesus do this—for me?

"All aboard that's going aboard!" called out Uncle Timothy in his best boat-dispatcher voice.

They had spent the night in a little valley, just off the main road and sheltered from the view of passing cars, with only the "whirrit" of crickets to lull them to sleep. Davie said he guessed he had slept all night, but since he didn't wake up to see if he was asleep, he wasn't sure if he had.

Just over the hill was a farmhouse where they had gotten some fresh eggs and milk. Uncle Timothy had showed them how to turn eggs without a spatula, and not break them, by the simple method of flipping them in the air! All Debbie could say, as she watched the egg flipping, was "Oh!"

And now they were off again! As the morning wore on, the hot sun beat down upon them until Uncle Timothy had to get out and put up the top of the car. Starting off again, Davie spied a man sitting by the side of the road a short distance ahead.

"Look, Uncle Timothy,—do you think he's hitchhiking?"

"Yes, he looks like one of the 'gentlemen of the open road,' as it were."

"What is that?" asked Debbie.

"Commonly called a tramp, Debbie-girl."

By that time they had come near enough to see his face. Davie impulsively spoke out exactly what was in Uncle Timothy's mind—"Let's give him a 'lift.' "

"We'll stop anyway, old chappie," said Uncle Timothy, "and see if there is anything we can do for him. He looks rather forlorn."

Debbie and Davie stayed in the car, while Uncle Timothy walked back and spoke to the tramp.

"Do you think he'll want to ride?" asked Debbie.

"Sure, anybody would. It's awfully hot, and a ride is a good thing on hot days."

"Well, if he does, maybe we ought to get in the trailer. Don't you think so?"

"Yes,—because Uncle Timothy'll want to talk to him about things."

After a moment's hesitation, the tramp slowly got to his feet, and followed the straight, tall form of Uncle Timothy to the car. The children scrambled into the trailer, and were sitting by the window facing the car. Over their heads was a home-made amplifier, with a two-way switch, which made it possible to hear and to speak between the trailer and the car. (Some of Uncle Timothy's ingenuity.)

"Looking for work, sir?" asked Uncle Timothy of the man, kindly, as they were getting in.

"No. Just bumming around." Debbie thought the man sounded disappointed.

"Poor business, don't you think?" said Uncle Timothy frankly.

"Yes,—it is. But that's about the best for a man these days, it seems."

Nothing more was said until the car and trailer were moving along the road again.

"No family?"

For a moment the man didn't speak. Then he shifted in the seat, and said: "Wife and two children out in California."

"Oh," and Uncle Timothy watched the road ahead of him for a minute or two.

"Don't you think it's time to go home to them?"

Debbie whispered to Davie: "Oh, Davie, think of his poor family."

"Shh," and Davie leaned hard on his arm, wondering what was going to happen next.

"They don't want me. I've no real home. They're with my wife's people. You see, I was once a professor in a college, but somehow the rest of the faculty didn't agree with my politics. A bit too 'red,' I guess. Well, they let me go." Bitterness was in his voice.

"Are you a communist then?"

Debbie shuddered and grasped Davie's hand.

The man answered very slowly: "I guess I was then. I'm nothing now. I'm just a derelict. A piece of driftwood. I had an education. Graduate of a University,—but I'm not worth a cent. My father and mother are prominent people. They have nothing to do with me though."

" 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' Did you ever hear that?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"From the Bible? Yes,—I used to go to Sunday school years ago. What would God want with me? I'm a wreck!"

"First, He would want to clean you up," said Uncle Timothy, "make you all over new again. Change you inside and keep you that way."

"That sounds like what we thought communism was going to do," the man laughed a short, hard laugh.

"But this really works. You've tried about everything else,—now why don't you try the only remedy for sin? You are a sinner, you know."

The stranger hesitated for a few moments, and then said: "I didn't used to think so. I know so now. Tell me,—what do I do so that God can clean me up?"

" 'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon . . . For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' Will you forsake your present way, and turn to God? He is waiting to give you the gift of eternal life in His Son! Will

you tell Him that you need to be saved, and then accept the gift of His Son?"

"As simple as that?" asked the man thoughtfully.

"Yes, as simple as that," said Uncle Timothy.

Debbie put her mouth tight against Davie's ear and said hoarsely: "Do you think he will be a Christian?"

"Sure he will," said Davie.

The man sat and looked straight ahead at the road for a long, long while. Finally he said: "Strange, isn't it, that I should just sit down on that stone about ten minutes before you came along. And strange that for the first time in many years I should have said something to God. Do you know what it was?"

"No,—tell me."

"I said, 'Oh God, save me!' And then you came, and here I am."

"And God is waiting for you to turn to Him, and take His gift of a new life in His Son. How long will you keep Him waiting?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"No longer. To think that He should want me! I know that I need Him, and if He will take me, I give myself to Him." It was a sincere surrender.

Uncle Timothy stopped the car by the side of the road, and turned to the man beside him, and said: "God knows your heart, and all about you. When you say that you will take Jesus Christ as your Saviour, He hears you, and at that moment He comes into your heart to live. Do you believe that?"

"Yes, I do believe it."

"Shall we thank Him for what He has done?"

They all bowed their heads, and Uncle Timothy prayed: "Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast said that whosoever believeth in Thy Son hath everlasting life, and is born again into the family of God. We thank Thee for this one who has just now believed on Him. We pray that Thou wilt strengthen him, and make him a true witness for Thee wherever he goes—in Jesus' Name—Amen."

After a moment, the man prayed: "Oh God, I thank Thee for Jesus Christ, my Saviour who died for me. Amen."

Uncle Timothy burst out into song, and Davie chimed in:

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!"

Debbie was rummaging through some boxes, and finally she crawled back on the ledge beside Davie. "Look, I've got a Bible for him!" and she beamed at Davie. "Look, Uncle Timothy!"

"Thank you, Debbie! That's the next thing, all right! Sir, if you will tell me your name, I would like to write it in that Bible with today's date,—you see this is your second birthday, the day you have been 'born again.' We want to give you the Bible in happy remembrance of this day!"

Forty miles farther down the road John Hitchcock, for that was his name, got out of the car, and shook hands with all three of the Crusaders. With the Bible under his arm, his hat in his hand, and a smile lighting his face, he said: "I'm hitchhiking to California this time. I'll write you when I get there. If I don't see you again—down here, I'll see you in Heaven!"

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union meeting met with King's Cross Roads Church on January 31, 1943. The meeting was opened by Rev. R. C. Wiggs who directed the congregational singing in the absence of Mrs. J. C. Moye.

President Skinner made a few remarks on the behalf of our convention. Our convention sermon was given by Rev. D. W. Alexander. We were favored with a program which was given by the local Sunday School. Two young ladies rendered several duets, and Mr. Clifton Parker of Farmville made a very impressive address. The program was very helpful and was enjoyed by all present.

The hour of our convention meeting was discussed and it was decided best for us to start at 11:30 o'clock, so as to give the Superintenden and teachers an opportunity to meet with us. The motion was made and carried. We are to meet with Black Jack Church on the Fifth Sunday in May. Look for further announcements in the Baptist concerning this meeting.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Pub. Com.

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Inventory of Supplies, Dec. 31, 1942	3,673.76
Total current assets	$4,442.48
Permanent Fund Assets—	
War Bonds (for chapel)	$2,320.25
Plant Assets—	
Land	$ 3,604.50
Buildings	77,538.25
Equipment, furniture, fixtures	11,341.50
Livestock	1,785.00
Total plant assets	$ 94,269.25
Grand total assets	$101,031.98
Liabilities—	
Accounts payable, Dec. 31, 1942	$ 316.60
Surplus	4,125.88
Total current liabilities	$4,442.48
Capital Liabilities—Not Any.	

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To seek His aid who knows indeed
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Keep on praying—in thy distress
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The Six-Point Program which the North Carolina State Association has adopted covers the outstanding phases of the work of the church. Certain periods or months have been designated as the time for the churches and church auxiliaries to raise or set aside funds for these phases of the work.

The plan is certainly a good one and an excellent way in which all churches and local church organizations may put forth efforts to raise large funds for the different causes of the church program for the State work. Since this plan is in line with the National plan of raising funds on a national scale for the different phases of the denominational work, it is becoming more and more evident that better organization is being shown for the carrying on and the accomplishment of a greater work in the State and for the National cause.

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UNION REPORTS ON TIME—

Many are appreciative of the fact that the Union Meeting reports of the last Union sessions have come in for publication in the Baptist paper on time. Others should be submitted to us within a few days so that we can publish their reports before they are too old for publication. It is interecting to note that, from the reports of some that have already been published, some good things were accomplished in them, and efforts are being put forth to make the work of the Union Meetings more effective in the future.

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A GOOD SUGGESTION—

It was recently suggested to the editor that, if more of the churches would send articles to the Baptist for publication of the local improvements of the church and its organizational work, it would be good reading for the subscribers of the church paper. Those offering the suggestion feel that many good things are being done in the progressive churches which should be publicised in the church paper for others to read and gather some helpful ideas that might be used in the improvements of their own churches and Sunday Schools. We shall be glad to publish such articles.

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LETTERS FROM THOSE IN SERVICE—

Occasionally we receive letters and prayers, from some of the men who are in the Service of the United States Government, for publication in the Baptist paper. We appreciate the fact that some of our boys are interested enough in their church paper, and in those who read it to send to us letters occasionally, stating how they are getting along in the Armed services of their country.

Not only are their friends at home glad to see their letters and prayers published in their church paper, but also others are interested in reading them. Those boys are brought face to face with the realities of life, and they well know what they are having to confront in this world-struggle for the peace and freedom which all Christian people are longing to see established in the near future. Yes, these American sons are realizing what life and death mean in this great conflict. Many hearts are drawn to think upon the supreme Being more than ever before.

We have been publishing these letters because the boys have asked us to do so for the good they may do others, and for the purpose of showing to them that we are glad to get expressions from them concerning their attitude toward the life to come. Faith in God is the thing most needed in this struggle.

THE HOME-FRONT—

Those who stay at home while this world-conflict goes on must be willing to do their part with great faith and courage. It is certainly a testing time for everyone to prove himself loyal and patient as he confronts things contrary to his wishes. War has always brought upon the people involved great deprivations and sorrows grievous to bear. While we have not experienced before anything so severe as this struggle, yet we are to manifest a home-front with such faithfulness and loyalty as to prove ourselves capable of standing every test that shall come to us. The church people are to be ever resolute and determined to go forward with great zeal in the work of spreading the gospel. Their lives should be living examples of that faith in the eternal God which will enable them to draw others closer to the throne of grace. It is their golden opportunity to manifest the greatest loyalty and show the most outstanding Christian service to others for the cause of righteousness than they have hitherto shown in the history of this generation. The men in the armed forces are to know, or should be lead to realize, that the Christian people back at home are doing their best in the name of Christ to strengthen the forces of righteousness during these trying days that God may see fit to bring this war to a speedy close. But for them to be assured of such a stand on the part of Christian people in this country, it behooves the followers of Christ to show their faith and loyalty to the great cause by their great zeal and untiring efforts put forth to extend the gospel of Christ wherever it is possible to do so to win the lost to the blessed Master.

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The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8: 18.

When overwhelmed with grief,
My heart within me dies,
Helpless, and far from all relief,
To heaven I lift mine eyes.

The Two Suppers

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Rev. 19: 1-21.
Text: Rev. 19:9; 19:17.

". . . Blessed are they that are called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb." ". . . Come and gather yourselves together unto the Supper of the great God."

As the Bible lies an open Book before our eyes, we see the word "Two" standing out predominately. There are **two** divisions of the Word of God—the Old and the New Testaments. In Lev. 12: a woman might bring **two** doves, or pigeons as a purification offering. There were **two** men who went to heaven without having to taste death—Enoch and Elijah. **Two** men came from heaven to talk to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration—Moses and Elijah. **Two** men went up to the temple to pray—the lame man was healed and five thousand added to the church. We are told of the **two** sons in Luke 15: the prodigal, and the elder brother. Jesus told of the **two** ways—the broad and narrow ways. **Two** gates to enter—the strait and the wide gates. **Two** men who builded a house, one on the rock, and the other on the sand. **Two** places in eternity—Heaven and Hell; the two witnesses of the Tribulation period. And in the Scripture lesson there are the **Two** Suppers.—The Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and the Supper of the Great God.

Before the eyes of John the Beloved, exiled from home, friends and kindred, on the Isle of Patmos, the spirit of the Lord rolled back the veil "from the things yet to come," and let him see two great banquet tables spread. May we, too, look and see and understand, as John did nearly two thousand years ago.

I. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

John heard the sound of a great multitude, and the volume of those voices praising God and saying, "Alleluia" and "Amen." It was as the sound of many rushing torrents of water, and as the sound of rolling thunder. Something has happened that causes all heaven to rejoice, and be glad, to shout, and to sing praises around the throne. This is the secret: "For the Marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife hath made herself ready."

The Plan of Salvation, the scheme of Redemption, the Hope of the Ages

Mrs. Curtis

are seen in glorious fulfillment, as a people gathered out of every kindred and tongue, and tribe and nation. They are clothed, "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing" in dazzling white, and splendor of wedding array. The Bride who "overcame the world with the Blood of the Lamb, and the word of her testimony" takes her place at the banquet spread by Heaven's hosts for her reception. The Glorious Church, redeemed by His own blood, has at last attained her rightful place by the side of her Lord, and Master. The Rapture of the Saints has taken place. How wonderful that God, through the eyes of the Beloved disciple, should allow us, the Church on earth, to catch a glimpse of the Church transported to heaven! The Church, militant, allowed to behold the Church, triumphant!

The fact of the church's **final triumph** is established in heaven; a representative of the Body has been granted the privilege of stepping through the veil, over into "the Day of the Lord" and looking upon that, which, in the mind of God, has already been accomplished. It is inscribed upon the pages of the Holy Word of God that "shall endure forever," this truth of the ultimate victory of the Bride of Christ in the final union with her Redeemer Bridegroom. Through the flames she may pass, but they shall not consume; through the waters, they shall not overflow; through peril, suffering, persecution, and strife; through dangers seen and unseen; by way of the martyrs block, the firing squad or upon racks of torture; the church with eyes fixed unwaveringly "upon Jesus, the Author, and Finisher of our faith," shall at the sound of the trumpet arise; some from the grave, some from among the living to meet her Lord in the air at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb." In I Thess. 4: Paul, the Apostle, gives us this picture, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (go before) them which are asleep. For the Lord, Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

From the day that Jesus on the mount, just preceding His Ascension, gave His followers the great commission to go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature, the church has been in the process of preparation for His return. Truly "blessed are they that are called to

the Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

In this 19th chapter of Revelation is clearly portrayed the two phases of the second coming of the Lord. **Into the air**, as we have already discussed, for the Church, His Bride. Now, in verse 11, the scene changes, and the "Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1: 7, 8). Jude also speaks of this same event in the 14th and 15th verses. "And Enoch also . . . prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands (thousands and thousands) of His saints . . . to execute judgment upon all . . ." "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head many crowns . . . His name is called the Word of God . . . And on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS; and LORD OF LORDS."

Today all nations are feverishly working toward, and preparing for, even greater, and more widespread, destruction of lives and property than has ever been known. The bombs rain down upon cities, leaving them in smoking ruins; ships and submarines are blown to pieces, with their wreckage strewn upon the waters of the sea, while thousands of sailors find their graves in the ocean's depth. The ruins of the smoking cities, the unlimited numbers of fleeing refugees, homeless and destitute old people and children, the crippled and hopelessly maimed bodies which always follow in consequence of war, all are reigning supreme upon the earth. All testifying to the grim reality, and the terrible horror of war. While this condition prevails already, the great war plants everywhere continue to work day and night, turning out ships, guns, bombs, ammunition, all manner .of war implements. Poison gases in reserve by the nations, only being withheld because of fear that it will act as a boomerang for their own destruction, will undoubtedly one day be released. In Revelation 16: 16 God gives us this statement: "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon." Revelation 19: 15 doubtless speaks of the end of that great battle when Christ Himself shall come in the Revelation with the angels, and the Raptured saints. "And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and the wrath of God."

Immediately after this triumphant event and battle, we again see a great banquet table spread:

2. The Supper of the Great God

The Supper of the Great God is the description given by the angel standing in the sun, as he calls to the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven. Millions of dead bodies, the wicked that are slain "by the brightness of His coming" kings, captains, mighty men, the flesh of horses, and the flesh of all ranks and classes, bond and free, small and great, are seen, for this is the banquet feast, spread for the fowls of the air as God and His Christ pour out their wrath upon all ungodliness and sin. The sinful world that spurned His truth, hated His principles of justice and righteousness, and trampled His commandments and laws under their feet, now meet Him in judgment. They have not cared that His eyes have beheld their wickedness, but now as His piercing eyes, "like a flame of fire" rest upon them, they "hide themselves in the caves and dens of the mountains, and cry to the rocks to fall upon them." Once He would have been a "Hiding Place and a covert from the storm," but there is no hiding place **now** from His outpoured wrath. Grace and mercy have been replaced with righteousness and judgment.

Two great events have yet to be written upon the pages of earth's history: the Coming of the Lord **for** His church, and His return after a short period of time **with** His church. We must share in His Glory, or taste of His wrath. We must attend one of the Suppers, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, or the Supper of the great God. We must reign with Him in His power and glory, or be lost in endless night and despair. Students of prophecy, all over the earth, who have been comparing present events in the light of God's Word, almost unanimously agree that we must be living in the last days of the church's preparation for the return of her Lord. Conditions are waxing worse and worse, for the greater part of the world is locked in the grip of fierce combat. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of that which is coming upon the world, sin and iniquity abounds, spiritual fervor diminishing, and many who once preached, taught and **lived**, the old time gospel message, have compromised with the world and modern religions. But while the world and modern religions, go farther and farther away from God, the TRUE church draws nearer and nearer in complete consecration, and full surrender of will to Him who loved and purchased them with His own blood. To the Body of Christ the words of Paul constitute a message to be literally fulfilled: "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear, the second time without sin unto salvation."

"It may be at morn, when the day is awaking,
When sunlight through shadow and darkness is breaking,
That Jesus will come in the fullness of glory,
To receive from the world His own."

"O Lord Jesus, how long, how long 'ere we shout the glad song,
Christ returneth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen."

"You have longed for sweet peace,
And for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest;
Or be perfectly blest
Until all on the altar is laid.

"Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart, does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest
And have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield him your body and soul."

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History by States

NOVA SCOTIA — The denomination in this country is traceable to the revival work of Henry Alleine in 1775-87. It opened up the way for a number of isolated open communion Baptist churches, the most of which at first were close communionists. The work was built up by Elder Thomas Crowell, of Barrington, Asa McGray of Cape Sable, (who came from the Free Will Baptists of Maine in 1816;) and Jacob Norton, from the "Christians" of the same State. They formed churches in Shelburn, Yarmouth, King's and Queen's Counties. The first Free Will Baptist church dates on Cape Sable Island, March 22, 1821. Notice other churches—Argyle, and Yarmouth. Some early ministers were Edward Reynolds, Charles Knowles, Albert Swim, David, Atwood, and Henderson. Articles of faith and covenant were adopted and Quarterly Conferences established. In 1866 Nov. 29th, the Free Will Baptists and Free Christian Baptists became one, uniting 29 churches. The religious Inteligencer, Morning Star and Missionary Helper were endorsed as denominational publications. No Seminary or colleges were maintained outside the State college and public schools. Use was made of the Maine schools of Theology, by Free Will Baptists, where many students attended and settled in the U. S. A. as pastors. In 1888 there were 19 ministers, 3840 members, 1964 sunday school pupils, $6,100 was raised for church purposes, $449 for Sunday school, $337 for foreign missions, and $870 for other societies. Honorable A. Gayton M. P. P. was conference moderator, and Rev. J. L. Porter, clerk.

ONTARIO CANADA — The New York Brethren of the Free Will Baptist denomination started the denomination in this province, among them was Revs. David Marks, Huskins, and W. Randall. The Dunwich and London churches date back to 1827. Soon after the Southwold formed then Dunwick, Coradock, Second London, Mosa, Burford and Mt. Pleasant. Quarterly meetings were Bethany, Upper Canada, (London) Brock, Talbot and Oxford. The Free Will Baptist and the Free Communion Baptist Yearly Meeting of West Canada was organized in 1846. The Ontario As. was organized in 1879. The Oneida and Middlemiss churches were made up of indians.

OCEAN PARK is a village of summer cottages and public buildings in the town of old Orchard, Me., on the line of the Boston and Maine Railroad, with the Orchard Beach R. R. passing through it. Its location is about 12 miles west of Portland and is connected by a line of horse-cars with Saco and Bidford. The Park was founded with the hope that Free Baptist ministers and others, who are scattered from their homes and churches in the vacation season, by passing their time together might strengthen the ties of Christian brotherhood, add to their mutual interest in the cause of our common Lord, and get fresh skill, ardor, and hopefulness in their work for Him. The thought of a Free Will Baptist Summer Assembly began to take shape during the General Conference at Weir's N. H. in August 1880. A mass meeting was held and a committee appointed representing the different sections of New England, and decided on the spot since known as Ocean Park. For $6,500 the tract of 70 acres was purchased.

It contained the famous old Orchard Beach, a beautiful grove heavily timbered with hard and soft wood and between these a small brook with a strip of marsh across which the ocean flowed each spring. Soon a cluster of buildings over 30 in number rose near the beach, a dyke holds back the ocean and it's a beautiful spot. Many neat cottages have been built also a TEMPLE and Guild Park. The Temple will seat 2,000 persons, is well ventilated and easy to speak in. The Ocean Park As. was incorporated in 1881. Twenty thousand dollars have since been expended on roads, dykes, buildings, waterworks and grading. The sale of lots furnished the means. There is a Post Office containing a reading room, an office of The Morning Star and book room besides a storė, restaurant, and a half dozen boarding houses and hotels. There is here rest, quiet, good water, sea breezes, freedom from contact with extravagance, dissipation, rowdyism or social exactions and excitement.—The assembly offers the following: Daily devotions, preaching each Lord's Day, The Chautauqua Normal Union, affording three Bible studies under different teachers and lecturers, a summer school of Oratory with daily sessions, a school of ancient language and modern also. A teachers' retreat or school of methods with distinguished teachers and lecturers, a department of music and one printing, a woman's convention with important topics and eloquent speakers, methods of evangelistic work, excursions over Northern New England and much more still could be added.

CAIRO MISSION—At the Wisconsin Y. M. in 1864 the Rev. R. M. Cary urged the importance of taking up work for the evangelization of the freedmen and a committee was appointed. Rev. A. H. Hauling was sent south to select a place and decided upon Cairo, Ill. At this time it was dangerous for workers to venture far into the south if they opposed SLAVERY, and on this subject Free Will Baptists had taken an open sound stand. This was the gateway between the North and the South and as the almost naked and starved freed men made their way north we could here receive, educate, and Christianize them. Rev. R. Cooly, recently from India, was sent to Cairo the next year and Rev. R.

Dunn (both known to the writer) was appointed the president of the new organization, called the WESTERN FREEDMEN'S MISSION. It worked in connection with the Home Mission Society. Rev. A. H. Chase began work at once as financial agent. The churches responded to his call most generously. Mission schools were soon opened and the following teachers taught: Miss Johnson, Mary Curtis, Philip Tolford, Ellen Cross, and Mary Craig. In 1863 Rev. J. S. Manning was employed as a HOME MISSIONARY and on March 27th with his oldest daughter started for Mound City eight miles above Cairo on the Ohio. His diary says, "This truly is a great work, hundreds of poor degraded starving ones are here and many are coming. They are what slavery has made them having a large development of the animal and a dwarfed soul." At this time the mission contained but two churches, one at Cairo and one at Mound City; but others were soon organized. During 1866-67 Messrs. Keys, Woodward, S. Clark and S. F. Smith and their wives did good work in the mission.

Trouble over the church title rose at Cairo but Elder Manning caused the intruder to be removed by the police which so angered him the truant set the church on fire taking the joining school house and dwelling. Five missionaries and teachers narrowly escaped. After three o'clock a white man gave them shelter for the rest of the night. Bitterness against the churches standing for freedom caused the loss and opposition. The next day a house was rented for a residence then an old hospital was purchased and moved upon the lot and school proceeded.

During the winter General Howard lectured at Hilsdale, Mich., and the loss and need of the Mission was presented and he gave the Mission $3,000 from the funds of the Freedman's Bureau devoted to this line of work. Thus a new school building was erected and the old one changed into a dwelling house. The mission had now won a place and standing among those who had been hostile to it. Many were educated and filled useful positions at a time when other schools were not accessable. In later years opportunities have opened elsewhere. Elder Manning still stayed at his field work, many of the students were converted and many were taught the way of the Lord more perfectly than they had known it in the days of slavery. Everywhere they went they aided in the building of churches. Elder Manning has extended his services into Missouri and Kentucky and southward along the Mississippi to the gulf of Mexico. The Cairo Mission has been the mother to a large part of the colored churches of the Free Will Baptists of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana numbering hundreds.

NOTE (Next the Anti-Slavery Society and Women Preachers.)

GLENNVILLE CHURCH OBSERVES HOME-COMING

Reported by the Pastor,
E. C. Morris

In Church conference, the first Saturday in January, the members of the Glennville Church, in Glennville, Ga., voted to observe the Annual Home-coming this year on the 44th Anniversary of the Church, which is the first Saturday in February. The Church here was organized the first Saturday in February, 1899, by the late Dr. E. L. St. Clair, and according to reports, has made steady progress all along through the years of its existence.

All members of the Church who could be contacted were invited to come home on this day, also, all living former pastors and friends of the Church received a cordial invitation. It was not convenient, however, for but one of the former pastors to be with us, namely, Rev. E. B. Joyner. We had messages from two others. Many of the non-resident members responded to the invitation and were present, while several others who could not come, wrote in and expressed their regrets for not being able to attend, and most of those who wrote in, prove their interest in the Church by sending liberal contributions and requesting prayer in their behalf. With such interest manifested in the Cause, we could naturally expect a profitable service.

The morning hour was devoted to praise, pastoral message and Church conference. The noon hour was spent on the Church lawn, in the enjoyment of a sumptous repast, which had been prepared by the ladies. In the afternoon, a special program, which had been prepared, was most efficiently rendered. The theme of the proprogram was "A Victorious Church." After some special music, which had been arranged, was rendered, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, filled her part well, in the recognition of the charter members, there being two present, namely, Mrs. Zulla Zorn and Mrs. Ella Lewis. The next to appear on the program was Rev. E. B. Joyner, who spoke on the "Victories of the Church in the Past." Bro. Joyner has been, more or less, in contact with the church since its establishment and was one of its early pastors. He was, therefore, in a position to relate some of the first battles and how they were won. This message was delivered in a very impressive and touching manner. The next subject to be discussed was "Launching Forth to Victory," which was very ably handled by Mrs. Stella Knight. The speaker impressed upon the audience the fact that we cannot exist on the things of the past. It is well that we praise God for victories won, but the last battle has not yet been fought, there are still fields to invade and obstacles to encounter. Then Mrs. Knight mentioned a few things that we should undertake for the future and with great faith in God, we will achieve, said the speaker. At the close of this topic, the congregation joined in singing "Faith Is the Victory," after which the pastor announced some plans for the coming year and then all sang together, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," thus closed, we considered, a very profitable and enjoyable Homecoming Day Program.

It is a real joy to have the privilege of serving such a loyal and congenial group of Christians.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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AID REPORT OF PALMETTO CHAPEL

The Ladies Aid of Palmetto Chapel met at the home of Mrs. Mary Jane Adams for its regular meeting on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in February. The president being absent Mrs. Effie Clark presided over the meeting. The opening songs were "Have You Counted the Cost," and "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me." Then prayer was offered by Mrs. Queenie Boyd. The Scripture lesson was taken from First Corinthians and the thirteenth chapter.

The roll was called with 8 members present. The regular dues were 45 cents; Sunday egg money $9.15; received in the Chest 50 cents; sick visits reported 42; Bible chapters read 226; flowers taken to the sick 2; trays taken to the sick 2.

A motion was passed to buy new song books and bond books for the Aid. Mrs. Queenie Boyd, Doleen Gaskins, Mabel Wilson and Ardell Wilson constitute the committee to clean up the church. Mrs. Doleen Gaskins invited us to meet at her home for the next meeting. The business being over, we closed by singing hymn, "Near the Cross." We were dismissed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. The hostess served a sweet course.

The amount of money in the treasury, $48.61; the amount in the Chest $1.10. We have only twelve members in our Aid, and about 8 average attendance, but we are doing what we can to further the Lord's work. We desire the prayers of the Christian people that we may go forward to do more for our Master.

Ardell Wilson, Secy.-Treas.

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TWO AID CIRCLES MEET

The Eunice Lee Morris Circle and the W. L. Jernigan Circle of St. Paul Church at Elizabeth City met at the church on Monday evening, February 9 in joint session.

The program in the Auxiliary Book was given with the following taking part: Mrs. M. A. Alexander, in charge; Mrs. J. W. Copeland read the Bible topic, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Miss Aletha Ethridge took the other topics on the program. It was all very interesting. Rev. W. A. Hales led in prayer.

There were fifteen members present for the meeting, two members were added to the list and two visitors were with us, making a total of 19 in all who enjoyed the program. We ask an interest in all of your prayers that our work may grow in the service of God.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
Women and the Church (Louise Novotny)	$ .60
Talks on Soul Winning (E. Y. Mullins)	$ .25
The Plan of Salvation (Austin Crouch)	$ .40
The Open Gate to Prayer (Mabel N. Thurston)	$ .25
This World's Goods (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Missions in the Bible (J. B. Lawrence)	$ .25
Helping Others to Become Christians (Roland Leavel)	$ .35
Missionary Lessons from the Bible (Aulck)	$ .35
Stewardship Parables of Jesus (Roswell C. Long)	$ .50
Studies in Christian Stewardship	$ .30
How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

A New Publication

I have just received a copy of the Free Will Baptist Messenger, a monthly four-page church paper edited and published by Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala. Here is many wishes for great success to the Messenger and its Editor.

Take Notice—North Carolinians

If any Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina failed to get a poster pointing out the "Six-Point Program" for North Carolina Free Will Baptists why just drop us a line and we shall be glad to send you a poster at once. We want one in every church in the state.

Remember Missions

Remember that this is the last week in February and that every church together with the auxiliaries are expected to take an offering for Home Missions. Don't let the Fourth Sunday go by without making a donation to the Home Mission work. Rev. J. A. Evans, Middlesex, is the Treasurer.

Our Visit To Dublin Grove

We visited Dublin Grove, Royal, N. C., on the evening of February 16, where we presented our Orphanage and other State pictures, together with the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn. It was extremely cold that night, and only a small, but a very appreciative congregation was present—mostly children and young people. We presented the Six-Point Program and even though it was uncomfortable, owing to the cold weather, the message was received with assurance. We are counting on this church to support the program throughout the year.

Will North Carolina Get A Referendum?

Thousands of persons in North Carolina—the best people to be found—Christians affiliated with the various churches and backed by a large number of Protestant ministers are asking the Legislature to pass laws whereby the people of

North Carolina as a whole can vote on the liquor question. For the past two sessions of the North Carolina Legislature there have been petitions asking for a state-wide referendum, but the legislature, made up almost entirely of Democrats, have passed the request by unnoticed. The question now in the minds of many of us is, "Will the Legislature be Democratic, or will it be autocratic?" Another question in my mind is, "Will Christian people, those who believe in the inspired word of God, continue to support a party that disregards the moral and temperate wishes of the righteous—those who are opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, either by individuals or by the government? I am frank to say that I will not support any man or set of men that will not give the people of the State a right to express their desires on the liquor question. Neither will I support any person who caters to the wishes of the manufacturers and distributors of liquor or beer. Let all Christians arise and say, "We will not compromise with the Devil in his destruction of life through the liquor traffic," I am a "DRY" and I am not ashamed to be called a "BONE-DRY." I am against intoxicants in any way, because I know that the devil—that old serpent and deceiver Satan—is in favor of it. I don't want to favor anything that the devil favors.

JOTS AND DOTS

I would like to call the readers' attention to a few different Scripture quotations. I think most people rather read short articles than the lengthy, drawn out ones, especially from poor writers like your scribe.

We hear much talk these days of different branches of the armed service giving discharges to those who are not able to carry on as heretofore. When ever we enlist (God doesn't draft anyone) in God's Army, then it becomes our duty to remain in service until death. I realize there are many people that desert, or go (A. W. O. L.) from God's Army, but there is a penalty attached for all who do that. "He that putteth his hand to the plough, and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven." These are not the exact words that Christ used but the meaning is the same. So, look out deserters, the sentence is already pronounced.

"Fools die for want of wisdom" (Proverbs 10: 21). We remember that the man who was going to tear down his old barns and build larger ones was called a fool. The man that built his house on the sand was also a foolish man. I think the wisdom spoken of here refers to spiritual wisdom. We can only get that wisdom through and by the Bible, by reading it ourselves or having some read it for us.

Then we can go to preaching and get (sometimes) a lot of wisdom from what the preacher says, but many people are so wise in their own estimation that they do not desire to become any wiser.

So many have gotten so wise that they think they can not get any more Spiritual wisdom from attending Sunday School, so they just sit around home or hang around some cross road store during Sunday School hour and listen to a lot of vulgar jokes or perhaps tell a few themselves. I also thing the death referred to means the spiritual death. Look out all you people who are so wise you can not learn any new wisdom from the Bible.

Not long since some one told me that our auto-tire rationing was spoken of in Isaiah 3: 18. I do not agree with that doctrine. If you read the whole chapter, you will find that the prophet was referring to the Jews.

Some of our girls are wearing tinkling ornaments about their feet today (little bells) as the girls wore in those days. I think "the cauls and round tires like the moon" were a kind of head dressing the Jewish women wore. I am sure some of you older readers do remember the time when the American women wore berrats or some round ornamental hair dressing that was almost as round as an auto-tire, but of course not as large. Here is where we need wisdom to rightly divide the words of truth (2 Timothy 2: 15).

Here is some home-made Scripture (I don't know who made it) "Before the end of time seven women will be swinging to one man's coat tail." Here is the way Isaiah 4: 1 puts it, "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man." You had better read all the verse. When Isaiah said, "in that day," I think he referred to the third chapter where he spoke of the calamities that would befall the Jews.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

P. S.—Before I waste any more paper, lose any more sleep, and take up space in the paper for my articles, I would like to know if any of the readers (also the Editor) thinks my articles are worth the time I spend writing them. If they are not worth a penny post card for you to let me know, I shall think that means for me to stop writing. That is what I shall do if I do not hear from any one. J. E. I.

I NEED THEE

"I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

"I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

"I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Saviour,
I come to Thee."

NOTHING BETWEEN

"Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,
Naught of this world's delusive dream;
I have renounced all sinful pleasure,
Jesus is mine; there's nothing between.

"Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,
So that His blessed face may be seen;
Nothing preventing the least of His favor,
Keep the way clear! Let nothing between."

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

February 5th, 1943, if the work went forward as plans had been laid, the first F. W. B. association to be organized on foreign soil for many years was perfected in the province of Pinar Del Rio on the Island of Cuba. Rev. Henry Melvin is now in Cuba, having gone there under the sponsorship of our Foreign Missions Board to assist the Willeys in forwarding the organization work. We have not heard from Bro. Melvin as yet, but the plans were laid prior to his arrival there to set forth the organization on the 5th. Bro. Bert Rogers, a member of our board, was planning to go with Bro. Melvin and took sick just before his time to leave and had to enter the hospital. We are very sorry Bro. Rogers could not make the trip.

We are very proud indeed of the way our people are responding in a financial way to our missionary cause. I would like so much to thank each of you personally; but as that is practically impossible, I am glad of this means, through the columns of our papers, to render the thanks of my heart to you. I compiled a complete semi-annual report, which covered July 1st to December 31st inclusive, and it has been said to be the greatest financial statement ever to be set forth for any like period of time for foreign missions in the history of the Free Will Baptist church. Praise the Lord for this renewed interest on the part of our people in this great work of sending the gospel to foreign lands. Your loyalty in giving has made it possible for us to compile that splendid report. At Bro. Hollis' church in Columbus, Mississippi, last National Meeting, the largest offering ever given by F. W. B. at any one time for foreign missions was received following Sister Willey's stirring message and the picture display by Bro. Turner. It amounted to $175.00. No wonder that God is blessing our denomination when we will show such an interest in the very express purpose of God in the entire church program; that is, the taking and sending the GOSPEL to the LOST. Anything in a church program or set up that does not tend toward that definite end is amiss, if not an abomination, in the sight of the Lord. Let us not fall short of the direct purpose of God in our lives as a denomination of people. We have no right to be proud we are Free Will Baptist, unless we can be consoled in knowing we are serving this very purpose. But if we are conscious we are failing in this purpose, may God make us to be ashamed.

I trust we have not forgotten our state quotas which were set forth and accepted at the National Association in July. For fear we might forget, I am going to re-state them to you here, taking them from page 25 of our National Minute. You will notice in the minute that the quota for the State of Missouri was set at $1,200.00, but here I am setting it as $2,000.00, for this reason: at our state association last September, it was voted to increase our Missouri state quota to this named figure, that of $2,000.00. So they stand as follows:

Missouri	$2,000.00
North Carolina	1,800.00
Tennessee	900.00
Ohio	600.00
Michigan	500.00
Oklahoma	500.00
Texas	500.00
Georgia	400.00
Alabama	300.00
South Carolina	300.00
Kentucky	300.00
Virginia	250.00
Illinois	200.00
Mississippi	200.00
West Virginia	150.00
Florida	150.00
Total	$9,050.00

Come on now and don't let your state fall short of the suggested quota. In the first six months some of the states went a little over half their quotas. Some of them came near the half way mark, while some of them fell considerably short of half. We hope during this coming six months we will all completely come up to, if not over, the mark.

It is inspiring to think how wonderful our church name, together with the name of Christ, has been taken to other countries, even in what we might call the modern missions movement of our church. To Venezuela by Miss Yeley, to India by Miss Barnard (whose work is yet in progress), to Barbadoes by Miss Easterbrook, to Panama and Cuba by the Willeys, to Liberia by Bro. Paul, whom we did help to support for a while, and so on it goes.

I wish to say a few words about our monthly financial reports in the church papers. I would like to be able to make my reports in total amounts as from each state. That is, the total amount from each state, giving the name of the state instead of naming each individual. But if I did that, then in order for each individual donor to be mentioned in the papers, each state should have a secretary and they should make a monthly state report. That would be the proper way to do it. Does your state have a foreign mission secretary? If not, it should have. All foreign mission funds from your state should be sent direct to this individual. Then he or she should send the lump sum monthly to me as national treasurer. I would report by states, and each state treasurer should report the names of the individual givers. I think it is nothing but right that each individual be mentioned who is giving to our worthy causes. While they are not giving for mere publicity, to be sure; but they are worthy of honorable mention. But any way, do your best and let's keep the good work going.

The Lord is blessing and giving us wonderful opportunities, so let's continue to make the best of them.

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,
Rev. Winford Davis,
Chairman-Treasurer

J. H. WORLEY

Selma, N. C.
February 17, 1943

At the request of the Rev. R. B. Spencer, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., I am submitting part of my work as far as I can see.

I was born in 1852 in Smithfield, N. C. I accepted Christ when I was 15 years of age.

In 1877 I began preaching as a licensed preacher and in 1880 I was ordained and commenced preaching as an ordained minister. The first church I accepted to render my services to was Union Grove Church, Wayne County, and from then on, I served the following churches: Pleasant Grove, Antioch, Fremont Chapel, Stony Creek and Woods Grove church of Wayne County. Saratoga, Marsh Swamp, Red Oak Grove, Wilson and Little Rock of Wilson County. Pine Level, Princeton, Hopewell, Yelvertons Grove, Pleasant Plain, Tees Chapel, Holly Springs, Kenly, and Johnson Union of Johnston County. Long Branch church of Cumberland County. Dunn Church of Harnett County, and Piney Grove church of Nash County. Rock Springs of Wake County and Fairview church of Chatham County.

In 1867 I began to help build churches and during my ministry I built and helped to build 23 churches, three of them on the same lot, this being in Pine Level, N. C. I helped to organize 5 churches and received and baptized a little more than 400 and united in marriage 350 couples and probably more.

I was the first moderator of Western Conference which convened at St. Mary's Church, Wilson County. First delegate from Western Conference to attend South Carolina Conference.

Rev. J. H. Worley

THOUGHTS ON PSALM 46

By V. P. Harvey

Be still, O troubled heart, be still!
And know that I am evermore thy God.
Wait quietly, my child, for I have walked
In paths more rugged than thy feet have trod.

Be still, tho' 'round thee surge the billows high,
That threaten to engulf thy weary soul.
Be still: for I am ever with thee, child;
Tho' rough and angry waves of trouble roll.

I am thy refuge and thy strength alway.
Rememb'ring this, be thou not moved;
Forever with thee, I shall be—
Forever with the children I have loved.

Tho' earth be moved, and mountains razed:
Tho' troubled waters rage and roar;
Be still, and rest content in Me—
"I AM"—exalted evermore.

Dear Lord, I rest my all in Thee,
Knowing Thy love, Thy judgment all-divine;
Quietly to wait whate'er Thy will
May be for me, dear Lord, and mine.

JOHN PREACHING REPENTANCE

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

Text: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (Jon. 1: 23).

The above text is the answer of John to the delegation sent to him from the Sanhedrin Court at Jerusalem. His message, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," came at an age of transition, of uncertainty, and of doubt. In the growth of general corruption, in the wreck of sacred institutions, and in the dark clouds that were gathering on the political horizon, every Jew that had accepted the spiritual side of the Sacred Law knew that the time was near when the Messiah would come into the world.

Already the office of the high priesthood was seriously tampered with by Roman Procurators. The Sanhedrin Court, composed of seventy-two priests, was in the hands of Herodians or Sadducees. Atheism was the general teaching of the public institutions at this time. Infidelity had reached its fartherest goal. Philosophy had ceased to function except for the favored few. Remorse seemed to be exhausted, so that men were past feeling. Even the heathen world felt the fullness of time had come.

It is little wonder that the true worshippers of God would retire into the seclusion of the wilderness and solitary communion with God amid the wildest scenes of nature. It was, therefore, amid these rugged scenes of the River Jordan that John began to call men to repentance, and to herald the coming of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to set up the gospel dispensation, and to establish his Priest-hood in the hearts and souls of men and women.

The conventional teachers, scribes or Pharisees, with their broad Phylacteries and smooth teaching, were no match for this prophet who was educated in the school of solitude of God. He possessed a greater spiritual knowledge than those who were educated at Gamaliel's feet. But he had another stronger message, and that was concerning the One who was coming after him, whose shoe latchet he was unworthy to unloose. His baptism would not be water, but the Holy Ghost and fire, and whose fan was in his hand. He would thoroughly purge his floor, and gather the wheat into his garner, and burn the chaff with fire unquenchable. He promised pardon to the penitent.

We read also that the pure in heart of Jerusalem and in the regions round about Judea came to him and were baptized in Jordan, confessing their sins. From these Christ chose his disciples. John received the message of the Holy Spirit at the River Jordan that he had baptized the Son of God.

A LETTER FROM AFRICA

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am now "somewhere in Africa," and I have been here for some time. I am getting along just fine, but it is not here like it is in U. S. A.

I have seen some interesting things over here, as camels, horses, mules and donkeys, etc., and a plenty of them. Chewinggum is scarce over here, and as I went up town everyone asked for chewinggum. If I had had a plenty, I could have led the whole town away, it would seem, for they wanted chewinggum and candy. If a person does not have a bicycle here he is not anything. I see three and four riding on one bicycle at a time. It is strange to me to see May peas blooming in December and January as they are here.

If anyone should desire to send me anything, (but remember I am not begging) these are the items we can hardly get: shaving cream, toothpaste, sweet soap, chewinggum, candy, razor blades, cigarettes, shaving lotion, powder, ink, stationery, and a few other things.

I want every Christian to remember me in prayer. I do not think it will be very long before all we boys can return home again, and be at peace with the world. I believe the Lord is going to answer our Mother's prayers. I know the Lord will answer prayer, so why not all of us pray, and not leave it up to our Mothers to do it all.

I am glad to say that I have a Mother who is praying for me day and night. May God bless us and restore peace to the world real soon is my prayer.

Yours in Service of U. S. A.,
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He came to Jesus by night, and went on to say in a complimentary way, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Before we go farther, let us notice a sermon which was delivered by the Apostle Peter, as he showed how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power. He went about doing good, and healing all that were depressed and afflicted, and of devils, for God was with him.

Jesus did not hesitate to tell this man the one thing which was lacking in his life. You need a change of heart. Doubtless, Nicodemus thought of his church relationship, for it seemed to puzzle him. He said, "How can this be?" Then, Jesus explained by saying, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus did not want him to be astonished, but he said, "Ye must be born again," from above. Still, Nicodemus did not under stand. Then, Jesus said, "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?"

After explaining some would not receive his testimony. I am sorry to say that it is the same today with some. After a servant of God has preached with all the earnestness of his soul, there is very little comment, if any. Although we are living in a different age, yet there are too many who are like Nicodemus. Many of them hold prominent places in life, and yet they know nothing of the New Birth. A new birth means a new creature.

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(Lesson for March 7)

Lesson: 1 Sam. 30: 16, 17; Is. 28: 1-4, 7; Gal. 5: 19-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it" (Is. 24. 9).

The Amalekites had destroyed Ziklag in the south of the kingdom of Judah, carried the women and children away as captives, and besides, taken a great deal of rich booty. In their flight from the scene of destruction they came to a place they considered a safe place to encamp. They spread out over a large area and began to celebrate their victory and to enjoy some of their booty. In their celebrating they ate, and drank, and danced.

In the meanwhile David, who had been anointed King of Judah, returned to Ziklag and discovered what had happened. He was deeply moved, and when the people who were with him threatened to stone him, he turned to Jehovah to inquire from Him what he should do. He was directed to pursue the enemy and assured that he would recover all the possessions. As he went, he providentially met a young Egyptian with whom he made an agreement that he would not kill him neither deliver him into the hands of his master, the king of the Amalekites, and who led him to the camp of the Amalekites. As they were eating and drinking and dancing David fell upon them in a surprise attack.

As for the Amalekites, they were resting in a false security. They felt themselves safe, so that they evidently did not even set a watch or a guard. And in their false security they were indulging themselves until they were drunken and stupid. Their self-security and self-indulgence brought about their undoing.

Once again we suggest that every Bible student read 1 Samuel 30. Nations and individuals know our G. T. is true.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Selfishness in one individual, or nation, is bound to bring suffering to other individuals, or nations (1 Sam. 30: 16).

2. The world is unable to express its delight with its sinful progress except in further sinful indulgence (vs. 16).

3. God is sure to find some way of punishing those who have brought unjust suffering upon others (vs. 17).

4. Sinful pleasures often render one unconscious of serious danger from any source (vs. 17).

5. It seems strange that many who revel in physical beauty will yet indulge in practices that will destroy such beauty speedily (Is. 28: 1).

6. It is impossible to yield to the perverted appetites of the body, or even to overindulge normal appetites, without suffering as a result (vs. 2).

7. The drunkard thinks he is "on top of the world," and does not know that he "shall be trodden under feet" (vs. 3).

8. Knowledge of the awful destruction that follows sinful indulgence is not a sufficient deterrant for men (vs. 4).

9. Drunkenness is temporary insanity and may lead to a permanent unbalancing of the mind (vs. 7).

10. With Christ in control, the fruit of the Spirit will grow from the same human life in which the works of the flesh once flourished (Gal. 5: 22, 23).

11. It has often happened that, by drunkenness and wild revellings, murders have occurred in every age of the history of man. Paul had seen the evil effects of drunkenness and thus warned the brethren against such works of the flesh. Men have been killed in heated brawls and drunken parties of wicked men. Even innocent people have been known to have lost their lives at the hands of intoxicated persons who were unconscious of their criminal acts.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Read the comment on Isaiah 28: 1-4, in our Senior and Advanced quarterlies.

III The Lesson Illustrated

The wise man, Solomon, wrote, "who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine."

A modern journal, The Southern Farmer, writing about the same subject, gave these interesting facts: What Each Got out of It (meaning, a bushel of corn).

The distiller got four gallons of whiskey which sold for $16.80.

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The manufacturer got $4.00.
The drayman got $.15.
The retail liquor dealer got $7.00.
The consumer got Drunk.
The wife got Hunger.
The children got Rags.
The politician got Office.

Alcohol never brings health or happiness to anyone. It ruins the body and the brains of the user. Edgar Allan Poe, the gifted young poet, because of the use of alcohol and drugs, died, clad in rags, on a bed of straw, in a place of sinfulness, calling upon God for mercy and forgiveness.

Daniel set the example for all followers of God, when he refused to drink of the wine, and to eat of the meat which came from the king's table. Because of his decision, God blessed Daniel and gave him skill and knowledge and cunning, and made his countenance fair to look upon. God will bless you, too, if you will make the solemn pledge in your own heart, if you will restrain from all use of alcoholic drinks.

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have a purpose true,
Dare to make it known!"

—Selected

REVENUES FROM ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS

The Journal of Commerce of New York estimates the federal, state and local taxes from production and sale of alcoholic beverages during the calendar year, 1940, at $1,171,000,000. It is difficult to estimate revenues accurately because of the variety of tax impositions in the various states. The figures used by the Journal of Commerce compare with $4,700,000,000 for property taxes; $2,850,000,000 for income taxes; $1,710,000,000 for pay roll taxes; $1,150,000,000 for gasoline taxes; $750,000,000 for tobacco taxes; $626,000,000 taxes on automobiles; and $2,239,000,000 for all other taxes. The Journal estimates the total liquor income, federal, state, local and miscellaneous, from 1933 to 1940, to be $6,478,280,891 (figures for 1940 estimated). The federal receipts from this source (Bureau of Internal Revenue only) were up 28.6 per cent in 1941.

The reason for the political strength of the liquor traffic is very clearly revealed in these figures. It is not only a source of great income to the government, but also an easy income, since the liquor traffic likes to pay taxes. The right to sell liquor does not exist in common law; it is a special privilege granted by license and resting solely upon the fees paid.

The gigantic amounts paid in taxes by the liquor traffic must be considered in connection with the costs to the people, which of course, are very much greater. Indeed, if the Journal of Commerce had made an accurate estimate of the retail cost of liquors, then whole table of percentages would have been disturbed —would have been thrown out of line. The Board of Temperance estimates this cost as close to $5,000,000,000, and this estimate is based upon very careful consideration of all the factors involved. The consequential cost of drinking is, undoubtedly, as great as the cost at retail of the drink itself.—The Voice.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea:
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty."

Boys and Girls Corner

THIRTY MILES IS FAR

Her face was worn and wrinkled,
  Her eyes were very dim,
But in her heart God's priases,
  Made melody to Him!

Her hands were old and shaking,
  Her feet were very slow,
But all her deeds and errands,
  With love were set aglow!

Oh, truly, you would love her,
  And want her long to stay,
Oh, truly, you would miss her,
  When she had gone away!

For the next three days, Uncle Timothy was busy going from door to door in every town along the way, telling people the Good News about the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave away tracts and gospels, and sometimes New Testaments to those who would accept them.

Davie and Debbie would often stand by the trailer, on a side street just off a busy thoroughfare. They would hand out children's tracts to the boys and girls who always gathered around to look at the blue, shiny trailer with the neat white stripe around it on which was printed, in black letters: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The twins never tired of explaining where they had come from, where they were going, what they were doing, and best of all about Uncle Timothy, who was going 'way down to Mexico as a missionary. Imagine! Here was a car and trailer that belonged to a man who was going down to Mexico! And he was going soon! Many grubby hands caressed the smooth sides of the trailer, while questions were asked of the two young Crusaders. When Uncle Timothy would come back to the car, Davie and Debbie would be surrounded by a large audience, a breathless audience, eager to listen to the story that Uncle Timothy always told. With his accordion slung around his neck, he taught the children several choruses, which they learned so quickly, and then he told them that old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Saturday morning they started off again, all three of them in the front seat, the top of the car down, and the wind blowing their hair every which way. It was Debbie who first saw the old lady walking along the highway carrying a large bundle in one hand and a cane in the other.

"Oh, let's stop and give her a ride!" exclaimed Debbie, and as the car came to a stop, Debbie was out first.

"Would you like to ride?" Debbie asked.

"Now, would you really give me a ride?" The woman put her heavy load to the ground, and leaned hard on her cane. She was breathing deeply, and her hands shook, making the can tremble too. "I was just prayin' that some one would come along and give me a ride."

"Here, let me take the bundle for you," offered Uncle Timothy. The old lady, Davie and Debbie all climbed into the trailer.

"My, but this is right pretty in here, now isn't it?" she puffed as she sat down wearily in the place Davie had fixed for her. "Them's pretty curtains."

"Yes, Mother made the curtains, and that part in the front is where I sleep," said Debbie. The trailer shook a little as Uncle Timothy once more pulled the car back on the highway, and Davie sat watching the trees beginning to fly by the windows.

"Now is that so?" asked the old lady. "Is this your brother here?"

"Yes, we're twins. We're going with our Uncle Timothy on this trip. We call it a crusade, because Uncle Timothy is going to Mexico in the fall as a missionary, and he has tracts and Bibles, and we give them out to people on our way."

"Now is that so? I'm real glad to hear you say that. So you folks is Christians? Well,—I am too. I was saved—I guess it was near to forty years ago. That's a good bit longer than you can remember."

Debbie noticed that the pale eyes of the old lady were clouded with moisture. Debbie wasn't sure whether it was the sunlight—or tears. Just then Uncle Timothy called back to them: "Ask the lady, Debbie, how far we can take her? Glad to take her anywhere."

"Jest as far as you are goin,' tell him. I'm on my way to my son's house. He lives 'bout thirty more miles down this pike, but you jest put me out anywhere it is convenient for you folks."

"Thirty miles! That's far! You had a heavy bundle to carry, too. Say, I'm glad we came along, aren't you, Debbie?"

"I had a right nice farm down the road there. Been on the place for a good many years now, raised my family there too. But things have been gettin' a mite hard lately, and —well, I couldn't keep it any longer, and so I'm goin' over to my son's place to live with him and his wife. Reckon he woulda come for me if I'd told him I was comin,' but this is a busy time on the farm, so I thought I'd jest go myself."

"How long have you been walking?" asked Debbie.

"Oh,—I guess it must be about six o'clock this mornin' that I left home. It's quite a piece," and the old lady smoothed out her dress with gnarled hands, and then looked up at the twins with a light in her face. "I had a son who was a missionary once."

"You did? Where did he go?" asked Debbie.

"Yes, he was a fine boy. He went to China. My, but I was proud of him when he went out there to tell them poor heathen about the Lord Jesus." She paused a moment, and then added: "But he wasn't there long."

"He wasn't?" and Davie wanted to ask why.

"No,—it was them Boxers that done it."

"Oh," said Davie.

"What—what are Boxers?" timidly asked Debbie. Davie was trying to think out just how prize fighters could have anything to do with missionaries in China.

"Boxers? They was Chinese people who belonged to a secret society that swore they would put all the foreigners out of China. My, but they done terrible things. They killed everybody they could find, even women and children. Why in some places they say that the blood ran like a river." The old lady seemed to have forgotten where she was for the moment, and sat twisting her handkerchief, staring into space. Debbie shuddered, and after awhile she ventured another question:

"Do you mean they even killed—missionaries?"

"Oh, yes. They didn't care if you was a missionary. I guess they hated missionaries most. But when it was all over a lot more missionaries went to China, and somehow it seemed to make it easier for them. Funny, isn't it? I guess it is jest like they say—'the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.'"

"Your son must have been very brave," said Davie.

"Yes, my boy was brave. And he loved the Lord! But he ain't over there in China now. He's up in Heaven with Jesus. I guess he'll have a crown some day," mused the old lady.

"I—I—," began Davie, and then swallowed three times, and started again. "I want to be a missionary, too."

"Now isn't that nice?" exclaimed the lady. "And where do you want to go?"

"Well,—I've been thinking about Africa some," said Davie tying knots in his handkerchief. "Do you know about the Pygmies?"

"Them's the little people that always keep moving about?" asked the lady.

"Yes," said Davie eagerly. "A missionary has to travel right with them. I don't think there are many missionaries there. I think maybe they need missionaries."

Just then Uncle Timothy called back over his shoulder: "I don't know about you folks, but I'm mighty hungry. What do you say we stop and have an early lunch?"

Both Davie and Debbie agreed in loud voices, and the lady smiled a hungry sort of smile. Uncle Timothy slowed down and presently stopped.

Davie and Uncle Timothy made a fire, and while they worked, Davie told Uncle Timothy all that the old lady had said. Uncle Timothy listened with grave eyes.

"God bless her," he said. "I'm glad we picked her up. We'll take her right up to her son's gate!"

They opened three cans of vegetable soup, and while the potatoes were baking, and the steak was frying, they ate their soup with fresh, crisp crackers. The guest, Mrs. Parker, ate with a trembling hand, and Uncle Timothy wondered if it might not have been more than one day since she had had anything to eat.

When all the cake was eaten up, (Uncle Timothy said that he liked chocolate cake no matter what flavor it was, to which Debbie had answered, "Sounds silly") and had everything put away again, they started on the remaining few miles of their journey.

"That's his house, right over there in that field," pointed Mrs. Parker, eagerly. Uncle Timothy turned the car and trailer into a bumpy, mud road, and then up into a barnyard.

"Well, here we are safe and sound!" announced Uncle Timothy.

A man came out from the barn, and ran over to them: "Why Mother!" He kissed the old lady tenderly. "Who are your friends? If I had known that you were coming, I would have come for you."

"Oh, I thought I would surprise you," and then smiling at Uncle Timothy, she asked: "Won't you stay awhile?"

"No, we really must get on, but thank you for your good company, and the Lord bless you."

Debbie and Davie watched the figure of the old lady still standing by her son, until the next hill hid the farm from view.

Davie looked thoughtfully at the road ahead, and said: "I think she is brave too, don't you?"

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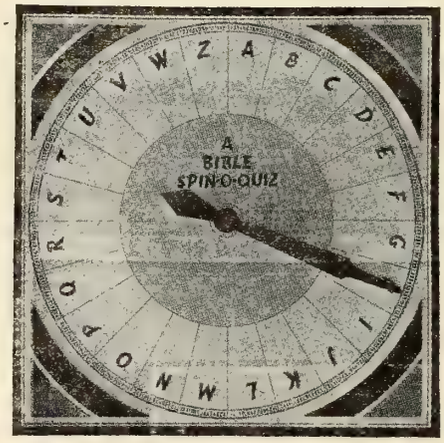

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Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, do, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day!
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou Who changeth not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee—
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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WASTING TIME

By Prof. A. R. Flowers

The man who wastes his time is wasting everything from God-given chances to a God-given glass of cold water. They allow the hours to slip, while their talents remain buried. We really admire the man who is interested in the place where he lives, and when the place where he lives admires him, but that is not enough. It is not all God requires, for the man who is not interested in the welfare of others is likely to become an "idler," says the Prophet, in his allusion to Sodom.

Men and women of great souls possess a deep, constantly abiding love for all mankind, and they are willing to work and sacrifice for their happiness here and hereafter. No person can be Christlike and not have a Christlike affection for all people.

There are some people in all Christian brotherhoods, who manifest no interest in other Christian brotherhoods, apart from their own.

I notice that there are some people of the same denominations who willingly make sacrifices to support their own church, but they seem to care but little about a needy church out in a remote section. They remind me of a thoughtless farmer who would go out fertilizing and cultivating the best spots in his fields, while he left the other to go without any attention to its needs. Such a

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TITHES.—Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Mal. 3:10.

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EDITORIAL

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Jon. 1: 29-34)

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming unto him, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John calls Jesus God's Lamb, the One who takes away sin. It was the divine power from above that gave John this knonwledge, for he had not known aforetime by friendship nor by personal contact this sacred truth. Nevertheless, the Baptist affirms here that Jesus is the One who taketh away the sin of the world. The Apostle Paul tells that God has set forth Christ to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins through our faith in his shed blood on the cross, (Rom. 3: 25). He has become our passover, for he was sacrificed—gave his life for us, (1 Cor. 5: 7). In view of these truths, Christ, who came to make atonement for sin, is truly called the Lamb of God.

Under the old Jewish observance of the Paschal Feast, lambs were offered on the altar as sacrifices to God, (Ex. 29: 37, 38). Such offerings were a type of Christ who was to come as the true sacrifice for sin. Just as the lamb was the victim offered at the morning and evening sacrifice of the Jews, in strict observance of the old Mosaic law given unto them by God, so Christ, given to the world by the heavenly Father, as the atonement for sin, became the true type of an offering on the cross of God. Accordingly, Christ is recognized as the Saviour of the world, the One who will draw all men unto himself through their faith and trust in him.

John says that Christ was before him. It is a reference to Christ's existence in the beginning with the Father. While the prophets had spoken centuries before of the coming of Jesus as the Lamb to be slain for the sin of the world, John the Baptist was actually privileged to see him already come in the flesh to enter upon his mission. The prophets had a future vision of the Christ, but John had present faith to know and understand that he is come. It was an assured fact to John that the Lamb of God was about to begin his work as the Saviour of lost humanity. The prophets had believed in, and foretold of the coming of the blessed Redeemer, while John cried unto the people in great exultation, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." What should be our attitude today concerning the Christ? The truth is, the more we know Christ, the more are we confirmed in our esteem and love for him.

We have learned from other commentators that John the Baptist had no personal knowledge of Jesus as the Christ before he saw him coming to his baptism. It could not have been supposed, therefore, that John favored Jesus from any previous relation or friendship with him. With reference to this viewpoint, the Apostle quotes the words of John the Baptist to his questioners: "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven," (ch. 3: 27). The Holy Spirit had revealed to John the Baptist the truth of Christ's divinity and power as the only begotten Son of God.

John's ministry was for the purpose of introducing Jesus as the Christ to Israel, for he was to be made manifest to the people according to God's holy will. He said, "Therefore, am I come baptizing with water." It was the divine plan by which Christ should be manifested to the Jewish nation.

Furthermore, John declared of Jesus, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him." This was proof to John of Christ's mission to earth, for the Holy Spirit would be with him in the work which he was to do for sinful man. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon him symbolizes his fitness for his work, and makes him known to the world as the Redeemer of lost souls. The event was one of great significance to the world. Futhermore, John says, he who sent me to baptize with water gave me this sign: "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit." This anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit gave John the assurance of His power to take away the sins of those who would believe in him.

THE THINGS I MISS

An easy thing, O Power Divine,
To thank Thee for these gifts of Thine!
For summer's sunshine, winter's snow,
For hearts that kindle, thoughts that glow,
But when shall I attain to this;
To thank Thee for the things I miss?

For all young fancy's early gleams,
The dreamed-of joys that still are dreams,
Hopes unfulfilled, and pleasures known
Through other's fortunes, not my own,
And blessings seen that are not given,
And never will be, this side of heaven.

Had I, too, shared the joys I see,
Would there have been a heaven for me?
Could I have felt Thy presence near
Had I possessed what I held dear?
My deepest fortune, highest bliss,
Have grown perchance from things I miss.

Some times there comes an hour of calm;
Grief turns to blessing, pain to balm;
A Power that works above my will
Still leads me onward, upward still;
And then my heart attains to this:
I thank Thee for the things I miss.

—T. W. Higginson

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Jas. 5: 11.

THE MINISTRY OF SUFFERING

"Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." (v. 4.)

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining.
I therefore turn my clouds about
And always wear them inside out
To show the lining."

Here is a great truth, not only in the natural but in the spiritual world. However dark the clouds of heaven the inner side is ever bright and shining. From God's viewpoint there are no dark clouds, for on the sunward side all clouds are a blaze of glory. Earth alone sees them. So of the psalmist's word, "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." It is easy to see the comfort in the rod and staff as symbols of protection and care from God. But there is also a suggestion of discipline and suffering in the text. And can such be a "comfort"? Can God bring blessing out of suffering? Are the clouds of human sorrow and affliction ablaze with glory from the God-ward side? Can God overrule the sorrow and suffering which sin has brought into this groaning world and make them part of the "all things" which "work together for good" to them that love Him? He surely can. He did not send suffering. "Through one man **sin** entered, and death **through sin.**" Death with all its sombre train of suffering and sorrows followed in the wake of sin. "An enemy hath done this." But God can and does **overrule** suffering to the purifying and perfecting of His saints upon earth. How does He do it? And what is He bringing forth for His children from this fiery furnace of suffering and affliction? We answer, first:—

Suffering Is the Testing-Room of God

I stood once in the test-room of a great steel mill. All around me were little partitions and compartments. In each one was a piece of steel. It had been tested to the limit and marked with figures that showed its breaking point. Some pieces had been twisted until they broke and the strength of torsion was marked on them. Some had been stretched to the breaking point and their tensile strength indicated. Some had been compressed to the crushing-point and also marked. The master of the steel well knew just what these pieces of steel would stand under strain. He knew just what they would bear if placed in the great ship, building, or bridge. He knew this because his testing room revealed it.

It is often so with God's children. God does not want us to be like vases of glass or porcelain, which shatter at the mere touch of temptation. He would have us like these toughened pieces of steel, able to bear twisting and crushing to the uttermost limit without collapse. He wants us to be, not hothouse plants, but storm-beaten oaks; not sand dunes driven with every gust of wind, but granite rocks withstanding the fiercest storms. To make us such he must needs bring us into His testing-room of suffering. It is there He tries out the stuff of which He would have us be. The Spirit, Himself, says of our own dear Lord that "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered." If Jesus Christ, Himself, entered into such a school as this, how much more do we who are God's frail children need to learn the lessons which come only under such a schoolmaster. Many of us need no other argument than our own experience to prove that suffering is indeed God's testing-room of faith.

Through Suffering We Are Brought Into Dependence Upon God

As you climb the stairway of one of the world's most famous art galleries you come face to face on the landing with a great Greek masterpiece of sculpture, the "Winged Victory." It is a superb work of genius. The figure is that of a woman beautiful in form and outline, majestic in stature. Critics suppose it to have been the figurehead adorning a Greek trireme, rushing through the sea. The sense of action in the statue is wonderful. The figure leans slightly forward as though it would fore-run to the conquest even the swift rush of the speeding trireme. A few strokes of the chisel of genius have created a flowing drapery streaming in the wind so vividly that it would seem impossible to express it in marble. The whole picture of onrush and progress is graphic beyond words. You can almost see the on-moving boat: almost hear the song of the rowers: almost feel the wind in your face as the boat with its eager goddess of victory rushes toward the unseen approaching foe. Yet this wondrous figure with all its power, beauty, and rush of action is minus a head, has no arms, and is broken and splintered in body and wing. A marred, and mutilated statue, yet the magnificent symbol of exultant victory!

Oh what a lesson is here! "This is the victory that overcometh the world **even our faith.**" But faith is dependence upon God. And this God-dependence only begins when self-dependence ends. And self-dependence only comes to its end with some of us when sorrow, suffering, affliction, broken plans and hopes bring us to that place of self-helplessness where we throw ourselves upon God in seeming utter helplessness and defeat. And only then do we wake to find that we have learned the lesson of faith: to find our tiny craft of life and power and service undreamt of in the days of our fleshly strength and self-reliance. Oh, the victory of what the world would call a broken life! Broken in self-strength to find the strength of God: broken in fortune to find the riches of God: broken in earthly pleasure-quest to find the joy of God.

Through Suffering We Are Brought Into the Service of God

Down South where his memory is still revered they tell you this story of the late General John B. Gordon. Years after the Civil War, Gordon was a candidate for the United States senatorship. The day came when his name was to be put in nomination in his state legislature. In that body was a man who had been a comrade of Gordon during the war. But for some reason the latter had incurred his resentment and the man had decided to vote against

the general. When the time came, the roll was being called for the voting. Presently this old soldier's name was reached, and he arose to cast his vote against the man with whom he had fought all through the great struggle of four years. General Gordon was seated at the time upon the Speaker's platform in full view of all the legislators. As the man arose his eyes fell upon a scar upon Gordon's face, the mark of his valor and suffering for the cause to which he had literally given his life-blood in battle. Immediately the old soldier was stricken with remorse. As he saw this token of sacrifice and suffering of the man by whose side he had himself fought he cried out with great emotion: "I cannot vote against him; I had forgotten the scar —I had forgotten the scar;"

Some of us have forgotten the scars. We have forgotten the sacred brow dripping crimson from under its thorny crown. We have forgotten the wounded side where the savage Roman spear drank deeply of the costly libation of His blood. We have forgotten the hands and feet pierced with nails and stretched and torn with the weight of the precious body of the Suffering One. We have forgotten what a claim these scars constitute upon every life they have redeemed from death, and the tender appeal of their mute lips as they cry unto us, "I beseech you by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." And to us, forgetting this, God lets suffering and sorrow come and do their work. We sit in anguished silence looking into the faces of our dead, and life takes on a new and solemn sacredness. We awake to find ourselves stripped of fortune and fame, and the riches of God become real as never before. We come face to face with baffled plans and blasted hopes only to have the veil of our blindness torn from our eyes and behold God's will with its blessedness of service and its far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory to follow. Lest we forget God lets us come into that pathway of suffering where the things of the flesh that have been making us forget are forced into the background and Jesus Christ becomes the true center and passion of our lives. This is what suffering has meant to some of you, nor would you recall it—even if you could.

Through Suffering We Come To Know The Life of God

In the South in the great pine forests the oncoming spring finds much accumulation of rubbish. The ground is littered with the pine needles, scattered oak leaves, dried underbrush, the fragments of fallen branches. Underneath the rubbish the earth is pulsing and throbbing with the new life of Spring. But it cannot break forth. The waste and rubbish cover, and smother and hinder it from breaking through into life and vegetation. So the husbandman does a seemingly strange thing. He sets fire to the forest. That is he fires the ground which is littered with the waste. Roaring and crackling the leaping flames sweep through the great pine woods consuming the rubbish as in a fiery furnace, but leaving the stately trees untouched, under the careful guarding hand of the husbandman. The whole great carpet of earth in the spreading forest lies a blackened, smoking waste. Then a rain falls and in an astonishing short time the whole scene has undergone a magic transformation. Freed from their suffocating shroud of rubbish, millions of stifled life-germs underneath the surface leap up into life and beauty and the whole forest is carpeted with living green of the shoots of tender grass. A million spears of grass have risen from the gloom and corruption of their tiny tombs because the purging flames of a forest fire have set them free unto resurrection.

Is not this nature's parable of your life as a believer? It is overlaid with the rubbish, of the flesh. "The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things" choke it, says the Master. Underneath is the Christ-life, struggling for utterance, expression and fruit-bearing. But worldly desires, self-centered purposes, trivial aims and aspirations, self-indulgence and indifference to the things of God and His kingdom, and a score of other deadly foes are stifling the life of the indwelling Christ, and hindering God's great purpose "that Christ may be formed in you." So God lets the purging fires of some great bereavement, sorrow, or temporal loss sweep through your fleshly life. And when it has done its work that life seems to you to lie like a scorched and blackened waste, in utter ruin and desolation. But it has all been "for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness." And up from the blackened waste springs the verdure, bloom, and beauty of a new life to which we were but strangers before. We have become "Subject unto the Father of spirits" and we "live" (Heb. 12: 9) as we never lived before; for now indeed do we live unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

James H. McConkey—Selected.

The Lost Sorrow

I once heard a man speak of lost sorrow. At first blush I did not know what he meant. But his thought quickly emerged and I saw it all. A lost sorrow was a sorrow out of which a man failed to get the blessing which God meant to come out of it for him. Out of every sorrow God means there should come submission; a drawing nearer to His own great heart of love: a new vision of the shallowness of worldly streams and the depths of divine ones: a closer devotion to Jesus Christ than ever before known; a loosening of the grasp on time, and its tightening upon eternity. Now for the man who failed to get these blessings out of sorrow: the man who allowed affliction to embitter his life, deaden his faith, chill his devotion to God, engross his heart in the selfish nursing of his own grief while the world about him was dying for lack of the help he might give—to the man who thus so utterly failed to receive the blessed ministry God had for him in sorrow, that affliction was a lost sorrow. For in very truth a lost sorrow is a most solemn testimony against you. It is a silent witness that God's most heart-searching means of drawing you close to Himself has failed because you grow bitter and are refusing to receive from

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NOTICE

This is to notify the members of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association that we will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 11th, following the Board of Director's meeting of the Press, at 2:00 P. M., in Ayden. Every member of the Executive Committee is requested to be present.

Signed, Rev. D. W. Alexander,
President N. C. State Assn.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Why Do You Go to Church?

Do you go to church to hear a sermon or do you go to church to worship God? Do you go to church to see some of your earthly friends or do you go to meet the FRIEND OF SINNERS? Do you go because your wife, or your parents, or some friend wants you to go, or do you go because you want to for your personal good and the glory of God? Do you go to church to increase your business prestige, or do you go to increase your acquaintance with Jesus Christ? Do you go to church as a professor, or do you go as a possessor of saving grace? Really, my friend, Why do you go to church?

Do We Give or Do We Pay?

We often hear people say, "I gave so and so to the church." O, well, there are several ways that people express themselves in saying 'I gave" but no man has ever given a single penny to the church or to the cause of Christ who has not first paid the TENTH to the Lord. The TENTH belongs to God, first of all. If you had a farm rented for $1,000, you would not give your landlord fifty dollars and say, "I made my landlord a gift from his farm." When you had paid the whole rent, as agreed, you would not say, I gave my landlord a thousand dollars but you could say, "I have paid my rent." So, it is with the church of Christ. You cannot give God a little money and say, I gave so and so. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." We owe the Lord the TENTH and when that is paid then we can make an offering. Our tithes and our offerings must be worship offerings to be pleasing to God, too; for, if we tithe without making it a worship offering, we are out of the realm for receiving a blessing.

Some Scripture Proof

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3: 7-10). Get your Bible and read the remainder of this chapter.

Tithing Is Not the First Great Duty

There are people who place the "tithe" at the head of the list of all service, but that is not God's plan. The New Testament way of fellowship with God does not come by putting money into the treasury of the Lord, not even the "tithe" as important as that is, but first of all, 'We must give our heart, soul, and spirit, and our body to the God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, and as our personal Saviour. Paul says that the Corinthian Christians, "First gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (II Cor. 8: 5).

Jesus condemned the Pharisees, even calling them "hypocrites" because they made "tithing" the big thing. Tithing cannot take the place of the "weightier matters" but the "tithe" has its place. Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The "other" that Jesus said ought to be done was "tithing."

Worship Offerings Should Be Made Systematically

"On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him" (I Cor. 16: 2). Sunday is the "FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK." Paul did not say, the "First day of the month." Neither did he say, "the Sabbath" nor the "Seventh day of the week." In reality the "First day of the week" is the same day that is called "The Lord's Day"—His resurrection Day. Then Paul calls the "laying in store" a "collection" in the first verse of this chapter. The way to have a collection is to have a gathering of people. Then the Christians were to put into the collection "as the Lord had prospered them." It was to be done on the "First day of the week." So, on the first day of the week Christians are admonished to make an offering according to their prosperity. This proves to me, that a "tenth of that which has been brought into my possession—that which I call "mine" belongs to the Lord and should be placed into God's treasury. If, I keep it out of God's treasury, I am "a robber" according to the plain teachings of God's word.

Does It Pay To Tithe?

No one should look at this matter from the viewpoint of making money, out of paying up, what he owes to God. But I have never heard a real honest tither say that it does not pay, but I have heard a large number say, "I get along better in every way." I have heard some say, "I am much happier since I began tithing." I have never known a person to begin tithing and then quit but what suffered some downfall. This has been closely observed by this writer. But God has made a declaration that stands out for itself. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9: 6).

Again back to Malachi, God says, in relation to bringing "all the tithes into the storehouse" that He will "open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive

it because of its greatness. God goes further and says, "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground," and further He says, "And all nations shall call you blessed." Good pay I think.

February Is Gone; What About Home Missions?

The month of February has passed into history. Did you make that offering to God for Home Missions? Well, it will not be long before Brother James A. Evans will make a report and some of us will know. But God has already received the report in heaven. Yes, He knows before hand.

WONDERFUL PEACE

By Elder Colonel Pendleton

Jesus said in John 16: 33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

At that time there was much trouble in the world. Jesus had called Lazarus from the tomb, which brought great joy to the sisters of Lazarus, but made the Chief priests and the Pharisees mad, and they took council to kill Jesus. After He had raised Lazarus from the dead, He came back to Bethany. They made Him a supper, and Martha served; but Lazarus was one that sat at the table with Him. Then Mary came and took a pound of ointment of spikenard very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Judas, one of the twelve was displeased about it and said, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein." Now comes the words of Jesus bringing peace, "Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always." And, now, I thank God that I can say with the poet, "There is a deep settled peace, in my soul; though the billows of sin near me roll."

In Matthew five, nine, we read, "Blessed are the peace makers; for they shall be called the children of God."

The Lord being "The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9: 6), knew that the old care-torn and troubled world needed peacemakers to speak peace to the children of God. Yes, He realized that peacemakers were needed in every town and village throughout all Judea and all the world during the days of His earthly ministry.

Yes, Jesus has said all peacemakers would be blessed; and not only be blessed, but that they would be called "the children of God." So we see it is a great honor to "be called the children of God." We understand that in order to be "children of God" we must be peacemakers. Therefore, we may truly conclude that all who cause division, and discord are the children of the devil, and are cursed. For we read in Prov. 6: 19 that one of the seven things that the Lord hates is, "he that soweth discord among the brethren." And also according to Hebrews 12: 14-17, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." We will also give the next three verses to prove our point, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God: lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." According to the Master's words, all who strive to follow and make peace between those with whom they live and carry on life's activities will receive many blessings, be called "children of God" and best of all "see the Lord." Is it not true today that peacemakers are needed in our national and international affairs? Yea, great peace loving men and women are needed today, as never before in our concongresses of all the great nations of the world, to speak peace and render justice to the disturbed and suffering peoples, in these awful and trying times.

All state and municipal governments need just such peace loving officials and citizens full of peace and wisdom to conduct the temporal affairs of the people in a peaceable way. Every American home should have one or more peace makers, someone in the home to seek to make peace and secure quietness in the home circle. Yes, in every home there should be Father, Mother, Brother or Sister with the love and peace that our Lord has told us about living, burning, and controlling their lives. Beloved, let us remember that this peace loving quietness, so greatly needed in this present age, can come only through "The Prince of Peace," the blessed Son of God. It is Jesus who alone can give that peace to all who will seek it from His loving hand.

Those who would be peacemakers, must first of all possess this peace within themselves, this spirit of brotherly love, before they can be able to bring peace between the hearts of others, who are full of anxiety, strife and division. The only source of lasting peace springs from the throne of grace, and all who would taste of the peace of God which passeth all understanding, must seek it of God's blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For He said on that memorable night of His betrayal, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14: 27). His peace is not that worldly peace. Not a peace brought about by the sword and bloodshed, but that heavenly peace which passes all understanding. This wonderful peace cannot be defined by words expressed in the best language of the world's greatest scholars; nor is it found in the catalogue of human wisdom; but comes only from our Father in heaven.

But all the true children of God possess an abundance of this consol-

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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YOUTH ENTHUSIASM ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Late last summer a group of the young women of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham met with Mrs. Pelt and organized a Young Women's Auxiliary. The devotional consisted of a missionary song, a prayer, and the life story of John and Betty Stam, a young missionary couple who gave their lives for the Cause of Christ in China. After the impressive story a challenge was given to those young women present to give themselves to be used according to His Will. The Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws were read and explained. Also the duties of each vice-president were carefully studied. At this point an opportunity for membership was given. Each girl knelt at the desk on which had been placed a Bible, to remind us to rely on His Word for authority, a lighted Candle, reminding us that He is the Light of the World, and a Constitution to be solemnly signed.

Our officers are: President, Mrs. Adel Hopson; 1st V. P., Mrs. Larlene Miles; 2nd V. P., Miss Margaret Chappell; 3rd V. P., Mrs. Mary Smith; 4th V. P., Miss Nellie Chappell; 5th V. P., Miss Ethel Woods; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lina Doris Woods.

We use as program hints the material provided in the National Women's Auxiliary Year Book. A few weeks ago our officers were installed at an evening church service, using the Rainbow Installation suggested by Mrs. Dodd. Next month we plan to present at an evening service a playlet, "America for Americans."

As a finance system, we have adopted the monthly dues for general expense, and the penny-a-day plan for a method of supporting our National programs.

For a special missionary project in December we made rag dolls for the Cuban children. As a service to our Risen Lord at Easter we are asking the cooperation of our church in sending sheets to our North Carolina Orphanage.

Every meeting is enjoyable and beneficial. We solicit your prayers and ask you to organize your young women if you want to receive a blessing.

Mrs. Chester Pelt

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THE HOUR OF PRAYER

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Ala.

Prayer is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of a victorious, progressive and effective spiritual life. Much of the success and happiness of the Christian life depends upon prayer. When we pray we are speaking to God; and when we read His Word, He is speaking to us. Bible study and prayer go hand-in-hand, and are very important.

Earnest and sincere prayer brings many rich blessings to the spiritual life. Prayer strengthens and encourages the believer, and enables him to do "great and mighty works" for God," who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3: 4).

Many spiritual blessings are lost because we fail to pray. Through this neglect, we miss much good that was intended for us. The Scriptures plainly declare, "ye have not because ye ask not" (James 1: 6). In other words, we do not have certain blessings merely because we do not ask for them. "Ask and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7: 7). "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us" (I John 5: 14). The Christian may be assured that it is God's will for him to live a victorious life. Therefore, let us ask so that we might receive the best God has for us.

We should not be misled, however, into thinking that prayer is merely for the purpose of asking to see just how much we can selfishly receive for ourselves. Some are of the opinion that prayer is merely for the purpose of asking God for something. But this is not true. Our prayers should not be confined to continual asking God for things. Our prayers should include praise and thanksgiving for His goodness to us. Such spiritual joy is received through praising and thanking God for His wonderful goodness to us. "With thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God" (Phil. 4: 6). "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4: 2). "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

Many spiritual blessings are lost because we fail to praise God as we should. Praise and thanksgiving enable us to experience deep fellowship and communion with God. When we come to Him with our petitions, let us also offer our thanksgiving. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God" (Eph. 5: 20).

This month in our auxiliary societies we will be studying the subject: "Carrying out the Great Commission in the Homeland." Since this is our topic or study for the month, I think it good for us to pray for God to help us carry out this great commission. There is so much sin about us on every hand that I think I have never seen such a falling away from God. So many who once had such beautiful, ringing testimonies, have gone the way of the world. There seems to be such little sin-consciousness among the unsaved that we are in grave need to pray that God will awaken the unsaved to the realization of the fact that they are lost, doomed and condemned without Jesus as their personal Saviour. Let us pray for a mighty wave of pungent conviction to sweep this nation of ours. I believe God is still able to give a revival in America. Don't you? If you do, let us pray that God will send one. Then, let us pray that He

may use us to help bring a real revival about. Let us pray for a revival to sweep our Army camps. Pray that God will help us realize that we are our brother's keeper, and that He will help us to be witnesses for Him wherever we are.

Let us make this a month of prayer. Let us be true witnesses and soul-winners for Christ Jesus. Pray for the National Home Mission Board. Pray for our National Field Worker, Sister Lizzie McAdams. Let us pray for America, using the words that Paul used for Israel, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel (America) is, that she might be saved" (Rom. 10: 10).

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LIFE, LIGHT AND LIBERTY

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. But all of us as Christians are beholding, as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, and are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord, (II Cor. 17: 18). Paul was speaking to the Corinthians of the gospel of life and liberty, for he said, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." We have God's Spirit given to us as a promise from Jesus Christ. When He left this world, He said that He would send the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit.

If we will let God's Spirit lead and direct our lives, He will lead us in the true light. When we receive that Spirit and walk in the light, we are to tell others of Jesus and His great love for them, so that they might also gain life and liberty through our Lord. But if our gospel be hid, it shall be hidden to those who are lost, so far as we are concerned. The god of this world has blinded them and they see not the light of God's glorious gospel. We are therefore to preach Christ's gospel to them for Jesus' sake.

God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has caused it to shine in our hearts that we may give the light unto others. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, (II Corinthians 5: 1). Paul gives us to understand our reward is sure if we are one of Jesus' true followers. And it is a home eternal in the heavens. We walk by faith and not by sight. The love of God constraineth us because He died for us, for all who will believe in Him. Christians are to come out from among the wicked and be a separate people. They are to touch not the unclean things of the world. Christ said then that He would receive all who come unto Him. Said He, "I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters," (II Cor. 6: 18).

Such is God's challenge to His followers, that we are to separate ourselves from the things of the world, and to walk uprightly in all things. We are to hold steadfast to the things pertaining to God and His kingdom. If we are true followers of Christ and live in the Spirit, then we may be assured of that eternal reward in the world to come, for in God's Spirit is life and liberty.

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TO THE LOCAL AUXILIARIES OF THE WESTERN ASSO.

April 7, 1943, is the date of our Western District Women's Auxiliary Convention. The place is the Pine Level F. W. B. Church, Pine Level, N. C.

The Secretary of each Local Auxiliary should remember to get a report blank from the F. W. B. Press for each Vice-President. Reports should be mailed to the following on or before March 31, 1943:

Report of 1st V. P.—to Mrs. D. E. Milder, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

Report of 2nd V. P. — to Mrs. Cleveland Sasser, Selma, N. C.

Report of 3rd V. P.—to Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Buies Creek, N. C.

Reports of 4th V. P.—to Mrs. N. E. Strickland, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

Report of 5th V. P.—to Mrs. Hardy Talton, Route 3, Pikeville, N. C.

Report of 6th V. P.—to Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow, Route 2, Wilson, N. C.

Report of all money sent to Penny-a-Day treasurer, along with per capita dues, and donations to District Convention should be mailed to Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C. (Don't forget to double your donation since we have only one meeting each year.)

Without the cooperation of local auxiliaries there can be no District Convention. Don't think that you can neglect your reports and never be missed. We need all of you. We must have all of you, and so, we are expecting reports and delegates from each of you. Act now! **Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today!**

Mrs. Chester Pelt, President

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LETTER FROM SANATORIUM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

I want to say that I thank the Lord for the way He has cared for me. It is certainly wonderful to trust in Him and to praise His great name.

I want to say that it is a pleasure to me to be able to write to the Baptist paper. Very many dear Christians have written to me. Rev. W. H. Ivey came and held prayer meeting with me in my room. It was reviving and refreshing to me. If anyone else can come and hold prayer with me, I shall be greatly appreciative of the opportunity to have prayer in my room.

I do desire the prayers of all Christian people. I want them to pray that I may be just what God would have me be. Jesus wants all sinners to be redeemed before it shall be too late. Let us pray more earnestly, therefore, each day for lost souls.

May I hear from some of you dear people before long.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. John Rhodes,
Sanatorium, N. C.

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REEDY BRANCH AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of Reedy Branch Church met on February 14,

1943, with Mrs. Frank James. We had twenty present with two visitors. Our subject for study was "Prayer." The first hymn was 'Sweet Hour of Prayer." Then we were led in prayer by Mrs. D. C. Davenport. The next hymn used was "My Faith Looks up to Thee." The scripture lesson was taken from the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Then we had a chain of prayer.

A poem was then given and Mrs. Walter James offered a word of prayer. This was followed with a discussion of the lesson on prayer by Mrs. Wiggs. The poem entitled, "Happy Hour," was given by Mrs. Geo. Dail. Another poem was read, "Has Someone Seen Jesus?" by Mrs. Walter Braxton. Next came the closing song, "Did You Think to Pray?"

At the closing of the meeting, one of our members was given a lovely stork shower. Mrs. Frank James, the hostess, served appetizing refreshments which were enjoyed by all present.

We are very anxious to get all of the women in our church interested in our auxiliary work. We have bought a War Bond for the Orphanage Chapel. We are also sending one dollar each month to our college. We try to help support every phase of our work.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday after the first Sunday in March with Mrs. Laurencie Stocks.

Mrs. Walter James,
Winterville, N. C.

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PROGRAM

This is the program of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention to be held with Kinston Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, March 25th, 1943.

Morning Session

9:30—Devotions, by Mrs. Walter Rhodes
—Greetings by Mrs. Mabel Oliver of the local Church
—Response by Mrs. Gay Edwards
10:00—President's Message
—Registration
10:45—Reports of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents
11:15—Congregational Singing
11:30—Convention message by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Theme: "Victory for Christ in the Home Land, Assures Vicory Abroad"
Noon — Adjournment for refreshments

Afternoon Session

1:00—Praise and Prayer service by Mrs. J. R. Bennett
—Reports from delegates attending other conventions
1:30—Reports from the 6th, 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents
2:00—News from the Orphanage by Rev. J. A. Evans
2:30—Report of Field Worker
—Educational talk by Mrs. L. H. Wetherington
—Report of Secretary
—Reports of Committees: Finance, Apportionment
—Report of Treasurer
—Report of Nominating Committee
—Election and installation of officers
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

UNION REPORT

The Carteret County Union meeting convened with Holly Spring's Church on January 30, 1943. The meeting was called to order with the congregation singing the opening hymn which was led by Rev. J. C. Griffin, pastor of the local church. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Jernigan. The various committees were then appointed. Rev. W. E. Anderson brought the eleven o'clock message. Dinner was served in the church due to bad weather conditions.

At one o'clock the union was called to order for business. Prayer was offered by Mr. Elmer Garner. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called and the representation was good. All churches represented but two with a total donation of $47.90. Several interesting talks were made for the good of the union during the afternoon session, including the one by Rev. W. L. Jernigan on the Sunday School work. Rev. W. E. Anderson was appointed to make the Sunday School report at the next union. Rev. K. W. Gaskill was also appointed to make the Temperance report.

By a majority vote the next union will convene with Beaufort Church on May 29, 1943. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the good people of Holly Spring's Church for the splendid hospitality shown this union. The union closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. K. W. Gaskill, Miderator,
Gladys Lupton, Secretary

THE MINISTRY OF SUFFERING

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it what God is so tenderly seeking to bring forth from it for your life. Oh, so many of us are bemoaning tonight our lost investments; our lost treasure ships which never made port; our lost hopes that found no glad fruition in realization! But do we mourn too for the lost sorrows which have swept through our lives leaving no enrichment of soul because we have hardened our hearts under them?

Do not grow bitter against God, my friend, because of your sorrow. Do not set your forehead as brass against His loving dealing with you. Do not push away the most mysterious tool in the Divine Graver's hand, yet the one by which He chisels out the finest tracery of the Christ-image in your shrinking soul. For it is a solemn fact which some of us know all too well that sorrow leaves us either closer to God or farther away. It is a double-edged tool. It either scars or beautifies. By our resistance we may make it a head-wind baffling and driving our tiny craft back from its destined haven of rest. But by our submission God will make it to be a favoring one to waft us onward into the safety and tranquil rest of His perfect will.

James H. McConkey—Selected.

WONDERFUL PEACE

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ing peace; they also witness its presence in their hearts; and then they will seek to share the fruits of that peace with others, and lead them to seek the same great peace and joy which they feel within their own breast.

All who have this peace and love of God in their hearts will seek to do justice to all mankind. And, as we all know, justice is conforming to the principles of right. Now, in closing, I will give a verse of an old song which fully expresses my purpose in writing this article.

"And me-thinks when I rise to that City of peace,
Where the Author of peace I shall see;
That one strain of the song which the ransomed shall sing
In that heavenly kingdom will be;
"Peace! peace! wonderful peace
Coming down from the Father above,
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray,
In fathomless billows of love."

WASTING TIME

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farmer would be the owner of very spotted fields. In this manner, a denomination in any state can become woefully spotted. There are too many people who never try to adjust their way of living to the real needs of their denomination.

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What Can He Be

Recently my attention was called to a home, just so earnestly, and in such a Christlike spirit—that I was prompted to try to find time for a visit to this home, but it is more than thirty miles away. Although I now have no car, I found a way. And on arriving in this home, I met a father who is a totally helpless paralytic, and a mother who is but little more than helpless paralytic.

There in that home, is a brother and a sister, to this helpless father, and neither of the two is little more than fifty percent normally intellectual. Three children are in this home, and all are well developed physically, but only one (a thirteen-year-old boy) is normally developed. These children have no wealthy relative on either side at all. So this thirteen year lad is a goodly child, full of ambition. He has a desire to do his best. He is painstaking and makes good grades in school. Notwithstanding this boy is in about one mile of a large church (400 members), but nobody, I am told, outside the Welfare Department, has ever taken that boy to heart enough to try to help him develop himself educationally, to his normal capacity for service in the world.

Now, brethren, I do not know just how I am going to best minister to his needs, but God is going to help me find a way to make his home life more hopeful. He needs a more encouraging outlook on the future. I have helped scores of these underprivileged, handicapped girls and in some way throughout the Southland, and I am going to find a way to help him. I am asking just how many Free Will Baptists, even ministers, have helped me to help these poor boys and poor girls? But God bless you all.

A MINISTER'S PRAYER

O God, help me proclaim thy truth
To all who seek, old age or youth,
For me, I pray, the prophet's eye,
A voice like Aaron's ancient cry
Against the wrongs of every age;
Grant me the wisdom of the sage;
God, grant me grace in all my days
To counsel well Thy wondrous ways,
That I may sense Thy spirit near
And walk with Thee, so that no fear
Shall dim Thy truth nor stay Thy voice,
'Till I shall hear Thee and rejoice!

—J. M. Bemiss

St. Claire Bible Class

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IN THE UPPER ROOM

(Lesson for March 14)

Lesson: John 13: 12-20; 14: 1-6. Read John 13 and 14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14: 6).

The Lord had made it plain that He was returning to the Father, and yet they profess ignorance as to where He is going. Thomas lays stress upon the "whither." His mind sought for some kind of certainty. He has heard of the "many mansions," and the "Father's House," and there is much that he cannot understand. He, with many others, thought that the Messiah would set up His reign upon the earth, and deliver His people from all their enemies. Where was this great royal Home for all the followers of Christ? They do not know where He is going, and how can they know the way? Then there came that wonderful burst of sunlight upon the world, which is as bright to-day as when it first dawned. The Lord Jesus directed the thought of Thomas away from all the baffling, bewildering thoughts of the far-away, and said, **"I am the Way."** The "Way" is "a Person," and that Person he knows, and loves, and follows, **and that means everything. "I am the Truth,"** and that means that all the light that is necessary will be given at the **appointed time. "I am the Life,"** and darkness and death are forever banished when He, the Prince of Life, appears.

"Without the Way—there is no going.
Without the Truth—there is no knowing.
Without the Life—there is no living."

Christ the Way Is the Universal Way

This Way is not restricted to a selected few of mankind, but is open to the whole world, to whosoever will accept it (John 3 :14-16; Tit. 2: 11). There is no condition, whether natural or moral, which can exclude anyone from Jesus, save self-will and stubborn unbelief. The offer is to "whosoever" will (John 3: 16; 6: 37).

II. Lesson High Points

1. **An Example.** It is true that commentators are not agreed as to whether the washing of the disciples' feet occurred between the eating of the passover meal and the institution of the Lord's supper, or after the solemnity or the communion service was all over.

It is agreed, however, that the washing of the disciples' feet was a very solemn act, and that it was conducted with much seriousness by our Lord. There are four good reasons why Christ did this: (1) that he might prove his love to his disciples, (vs. 1, 2); (2) that he might set an example of his own voluntary humility and condescension, (vs. 3-5); (3) that he might signify to them, by this act, spiritual washing, which is referred to in his conversation with Peter, (vs. 6-11); and (4) that he might set them an example to follow after his death, (vs. 12-17).

2. **A Personal Question.** The question comes to us: Are we Christians willing to do the Lord's will? Are we humble enough to wash the Saints' feet? If not, Why not? Do we want to do as Jesus did and as he taught his disciples to do? Or do we think ourselves better than he, and care not to wash the Saints' feet? If we are willing to carry out his other commands, then Why not be willing to fulfill this command? He did it with no shame to himself nor disgrace to the gospel ministry. In like manner, you can wash the Saints' feet without shame or disgrace to his cause.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

No one believes that Christians should wash one another's feet in order to obtain salvation. But they should do it in order to perpetuate the example of the Lord, and remind them constantly of their obligation to do humble service.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. **The Only Way.** One of the greatest declarations of our Lord is found in John 14: 6: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." There is only **one way back to God, and that way is through a Person,** even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the Way." The fact that a way back has been opened implies that the way to God was shut to man. As sin shut out man from Paradise (Gen. 3: 24), so sin barred man's access to God.

Christ came to clear away the obstacles which stood between man and God, and to open the way to the Father's presence, and to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Our Saviour came into this world from the glory of Heaven to do His Father's will, to make Sonship possible so that we can approach God as **our** Father (Rom. 8: 14, 15).

By **faith** in Christ's redemptive work we are received back to God as sons, and through Christ we can ever come into God's presence and hold communion with Him. This is indeed a glorious truth, a blessed privilege; but, alas, how reluctant we are to spend time in communion with God! We are tempted to allow so many things to keep us back from prayer. —Selected.

4. **The Secret Working of Sin.** Judas was unsuspected to the last. **A secret sin works insidiously, but with quiet power. Its hidden ravages are awful, and the outward revelation of their result and existence may be contemporaneous.** Until that revelation was made, probably no one ever suspected the presence, in the man, of anything but a few venial faults which were as mere excrescences on a robust character, though these growths were something rude. Oftentimes a large fungus will start from a tree, and in some mysterious manner will sap the life power on the spit on which it grows. When the fungus falls in the autumn, it leaves scarcely a trace of its presence, the tree being apparently as healthy as

before the advent of the parasite. But the whole character of the wood has been changed by the strange power of the fungus, being soft and corklike to the touch. Perhaps the parasite may fall in the autumn, and the tree may show no symptoms of decay; but at the first tempest it may have to encounter, the trunk snaps off at the spot where the fungus has been, and the extent of the injury is at once disclosed. As long as any portion of that tree retains life, it will continue to throw out these destructive fungi; and even when a mere stump is left in the ground, the fungi will push themselves out in profusion.—Scientific Illustrations and Symbols.

TAKE YE AWAY THE STONE

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Georgia

I want to use as a base for this discussion LIFE, and I want us to look at it from three angles; namely, example, past tense, action completed, present tense, and perfection, future tense.

In the first place, what is meant by "example?" To define this word it is a sample, a pattern, or something to be followed. Jesus said in John 13: 15, "I give you an example to do to others as I have done to you." He said again, "Take me as your example." This is our highest and best proof that a Christian's life is a life lived for others. Christ came directly from Heaven to a world of sin and he came willingly—nothing compulsory about his coming, but it was necessary for him to come to give us an example—a Heavenly Blue Print for the family of men to conform their lives to.

He gives us the example of Love in John 3: 16 for our enemy. For he did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. The proof of this is found in our text. He loved Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, old acquaintances, neighbors, and friends, but it wasn't that why he raised this dead man. The fact was that he saw a multitude of sinsick souls around there and this was his custom of preaching by parables, miracles, and examples. His message here was in the way of raising a dead man to life, but remember there was something for the people to do. There was a stone between life and death and the moving of the stone was the job of the people. If they failed, Lazarus would not have been raised until this day, but it was moved and Lazarus came forth and many believed because of this act. He came a poor man, so far as material things are concerned, but rich in power. Our weakness is existence minus power, (Acts 1:8).

Along with his example of love and living for a lost world, He gave us an example of suffering in James 5: 10. "Take, my brethren, the prophets who have spoken in my name of the Lord, for an example of suffering, affliction, and of patience." How was it with them? Aside from persecutions in life six were crucified, one was skinned, one was shot by arrows, two were tormented, one committed suicide, and one died a natural death. Now, we come to action as we live today—action in life.

I visited a number of churches last year, conducted quite a few revivals here and there over the field, contacted many individuals, but I found very few churches or individuals on fire for God with a spiritual passion for lost souls. I think we have lived in Ezekiel's "valley of dry bones." Action means to live out, be attractive. Winning souls is similar to that of winning a companion in life. I did my best to be attractive while trying to win my companion. If we expect to win souls, we must search our lives, see if there is a stone between us and the one we are endeavoring to win. If found, don't expect someone to remove it for us, but take ye away the stone. Man's extremities is God's opportunities. That is why He requires us to do the physical things of life. Our prayers for the sick are all in vain unless we see further than a sick person restored to health. Why are we saved, and what for? The answer is to help others to see. The blind cannot lead the blind successfully. Very few realize what a Christian is. A Christian is one who is filled with the Holy Ghost—the third person in the God-head as taught in John 15. Religion is common sense, coupled with God's will. So, my Christian friends, let's put action in our profession, love in our living, teeth in our sermons, stings in our challenge and beauty in our appearance, and we will see some man's mountains of impossibilities removed.

Now we change to future perfection. There is something in a Christian life to look forward to. John 14, "I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Now we are looking at the perfect side of life. We hear a great deal about unconditional surrender these days. I interpret this word to mean in part nothing reserved. Here is the stone that's clogging the wheels of progress for the Kingdom of God. Here is where, not money, but the Love of money is the root of all evil. The way in Matt. 7: 14, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life and few there be that find it." Again he said, "Nothing but the faithful unto death," and again, "Nothing but the pure at heart will be able to enter into the pearly white city." Matt. 5: 48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." The greatest stone that is hindering the progress of the church today is SELF. When self is crucified and we plead guilty and make an unconditional surrender, and place all on the altar, then and then only, will God meet us at the Church with His Holy power as He did at Pentecost.

Now, to all who read this message, and believe it is true, look toward heaven and see God's light shining—see the star over Bethlehem. See the cross with Christ dying for your sins. Hear him say, "It is finished." Hear him say, "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Take ye away the stone." 2 Cor. 7: 1. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God." Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; a perfect place for a perfect people; a Holy place for a Holy people.

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my grandfather, W. Riley Housten, who was a member of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

He loved and served his Master
In his work from day to day,
And always strived to walk
In the bright and shining way.

He was active in his church
Always willing to do his part,
Ready to serve his Master
Loving Him with all his heart.

We miss all of his kind words
And all of his good deeds;
He was always at a task
And sowing the best of seed.

He was safe in Jesus arms
When he was called away;
So let's strive to meet him
On that bright eternal day.

His granddaughter,
Betty Houston

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Jones. On Friday evening of February 12th, 1943, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. C. F. Jones and took away her loving husband, Uncle Claud as he was called by very many of his friends.

He was 73 years old on the day of his funeral. He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Gum Neck. His health was bad for the last few years. He found pleasure in his farming in which he was active until the last year of his life.

He was always ready and willing to befriend anyone who was in need. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, two sons and five daughters. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Preston Cayton. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground.

Written by a devoted friend,
Mrs. C. F. Swindell

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

Boys and Girls Corner

THE RUNAWAY FOUND

I ran away from home last week,
I didn't want to stay,
I didn't want to have to do
What other folks say!

I guess that I'll be going home,
I guess I want to stay,
I guess I want to have to do
What other folks say!

Davie was standing almost on his head by the side of the trailer. It wasn't because he had lost anything and was looking for it, but because he was shining his shoes. The Crusader was parked in a meadow of clover. There they had eaten a light supper, and had become very artful in dodging bees. A few miles farther down the road was a large town; and, being Saturday night, there would be crowds of people in town. The Crusaders wanted to be ready and about the King's business with their tracts and Gospels, so Davie was brushing up, while Uncle Timothy and Debbie washed the pots and pans in the creek just over the hill.

The sound of feet swishing through the tall grass made Davie turn around. Coming toward him he saw a boy about five years older than himself, dressed in hiking clothes.

"Hello there," called out Davie.

"Hello," said the strange boy. "Where is your father?"

"My father isn't here, but my Uncle Timothy is down by the creek washing out a skillet. Shall I call him?"

The other boy shifted from one foot to another nervously, pulled out a red bandana and wiped his forehead.

"Maybe you could take me down to the creek to see him. I think he is the person I want to see."

Single file they tramped through the grass, down the winding path, until they could hear the "chatter" of the little stream running over pebbles just below them. Suddenly the path gave way, and directly beneath them they saw Debbie and Uncle Timothy scouring the skillets in the approved out-door method: using sand and clear water.

"Hello," called Uncle Timothy cheerfully, as he looked up at them standing on the embankment. "Company? Glad to have you!"

"Thank you, sir," said the strange boy, his face growing very red. "You don't know me, but I heard you yesterday talking to another man, and then you gave me a little leaflet to read. I was just going by here in a car, and when I saw your trailer parked in here, I got out and came back. I'd like to talk to you, sir."

"Certainly, glad to talk to you. Davie and Debbie can finish these things, and we'll sit right down here. Now, what can I do for you?"

"Well, I don't know how to say it exactly. You see, I heard you say something about the Lord Jesus yesterday, and it sounded just like what my father used to say. I thought maybe you could help me." He stopped talking for a moment, and then continued: "You see I ran away from home last week. I was so tired of going to school, and going to church, and having to do what my parents wanted me to do that I decided I could make my own way. I guess I can't, and anyway—home would look pretty good to me right now. You see, I didn't eat for two days, and almost got arrested."

"That's right, and you'll not regret it," said Uncle Timothy.

"But—only—well,—my mother and father have been praying for a long time that I'd be a Christian,—and what you said last night, and what I read in that leaflet makes me want to be a Christian. But I don't know exactly how to be one, and I thought perhaps you could tell me."

"I surely can. Do you believe that Jesus wants to save you?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"Yes—I do believe that."

"Do you believe that He wants to save you—now?"

"Yes."

"Do you want to be saved—now?"

"Yes!"

"The Bible says that 'if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' Will you take Him as your Saviour? Believe in Him? Trust Him?"

The boy bowed his head, and in a low voice answered: "I do believe."

Half an hour later they were all riding along singing at the top of their voices; Uncle Timothy, Davie, and their new friend, Jimmie Grant. Debbie was in the trailer beating hard at a pan of fudge that just wouldn't "fudge."

"Look boys, a lady in distress!" said Uncle Timothy, as they rounded a corner. There was a lady, dressed in white, attempting to change a tire on a dark red coupe!

The Crusader came to a stop beside the coupe. Uncle Timothy lifted his hat, and said: "Pardon us, but may we be of any assistance to you?"

The lady stood up, and faced them: "You certainly may, if you only will! I don't know how to start to fix this tire!"

The four good Samaritans trooped out of the Crusader, and gathered around the punctured tire in order to fully understand the situation.

"That is the thing we know how to do best," laughed Uncle Timothy. "Do you have a spare tire, or do we mend this one?"

"There's a new one on the back. Here are my keys."

Jimmie soon had the new tire unlocked, and rolled around to the scene of action. Uncle Timothy quickly removed the old one. Debbie and the lady were looking at the pan of drippy fudge, over which Debbie had been hopelessly working. Davie was the chief "giver outer," as he said, of the tools. It was not long before the good tire was on the wheel, the old one in the carrier, and the lady thanking them all for their timely and generous help. As they watched the red coupe disappear down the road, Debbie called:

"Wasn't she lovely, Uncle Timothy?"

"Yes, she was, Debbie," he answered pleasantly.

The trailer soon arrived at the home of Jimmie Grant. The Crusaders waited while Jimmie ran up the steps and into the house to announce his return home. Within ten minutes Jimmie came out of the house again with a fine looking man and woman on either side of him, Mr. and Mrs. Grant! They looked so happy that Debbie knew at once everything was all right. They came down to the car and wouldn't hear to anything else but that Debbie and Davie and Uncle Timothy spend the night with them in their home.

What a happy reunion that was! What a jolly evening the little group spent together, talking and singing, and finally falling into bed very tired, but with hearts full of joy!

Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Jimmie, Uncle Timothy, Debbie and Davie all went to church together,—six shining faces praising the heavenly Father for His loving care.

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

THE TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears:
"Dear God, make me a man,
Like daddy—wise and strong;
I know you can."

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

Andrew Gillies.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. 5: 6.

HOLD MY HANDS

A little hand was clasping mine
When day was gone,
And shadows lingered everywhere
As night drew on,
A curly head was snuggled close
Against my own:
Blue eyes, all wonder-filled, looked on
A world unknown.

The tiny fingers, restless, moved
And gripped my own with all their might;
Then through the stillness came his plea,
"Hold my hands, father, hold them tight."
When life is spent, and sunset hues
All blend to gray,
And twilight passes silently:
No more the day.

As Darkness gently leads me toward
The after-while,
And quiet everywhere pervades
The last long mile,—
Then I shall feel around me thrown
Protectingly an arm of might,
And whisper to Him trustingly,
"Hold my hands, Father, hold them tight."

Irene C. Avery

—The Foundation

WITH GOD

Begin the day with God;
Kneel down to him in prayer
Lift up thy heart to his abode
And seek his love to share.

Open the Book of God,
And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'r thou art—at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Conclude the day with God;
Thy sins to him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead his righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives his servants sleep
And when thou tread'st the vale of death
He will thee guard and keep.

—Author unknown

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Spin cheerfully,
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Though wearily you plod.
Spin cheerfully,
Spin prayerfully,
But leave the thread to God.

The shuttles of His purpose move
To carry out His own design,
Seek not too soon to disapprove
His work, nor yet assign
Dark motives, when with silent dread
You view each sombre fold,
For lo! within each darker thread
There shines a thread of gold.

Spin cheerfully,
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He knows the way you plod;
Spin cheerfully,
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But leave the thread to God.

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There are more than enough folk who are willing to do the nice, pleasant things in the church, where they will be given recognition and praise. All too scarce are those Christlike folk who will serve in the hidden places where darkness, suffering, disease and sin make the natural man recoil in distress or fear.

Thank God that in every age and among all peoples there are such sacrifical servants of Christ. They indeed are the light of this dark world.—Moody Monthly.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa. 61: 10.

TITHES.—Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Mal. 3:10.

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RECEIVING MORE MONEY—

The majority of the working people are receiving more money now for their labor than they have every earned for their work. Those who have things to sell are getting more for their commodities than every before. The country people, as well as the town people, have more money to spend than they have ever had. This is true in the majority of cases. Most people are paying larger taxes than they have ever paid in this country in their lives.

But, according to the record of some churches they are paying their pastors practically the same salary as they did last year. They have not increased their salaries in proportion to the increase of their living expenses. These pastors have hesitated to ask for a raise, thinking the church people well know they cannot live as cheaply as they did one year ago, and would therefore voluntarily increase their salaries. Other churches, on the contrary, have not been negligent of this fact, and have automatically made the raise to enable their pastors to be able to meet their usual obligations from week to week.

It is a matter of business for every church to view its pastor's obligations in the light of present-day needs, and to be willing to respond accordingly, not wait for him to ask for an increase. Some feel it not their place to request the necessary increase in their salaries, and therefore will not mention the matter to their church boards. The result is they and their families have to stint themselves scantily for things which they stand in need of because they do not have sufficient means with which to buy what they and their families actually need.

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PAYING THE PRICE—

Humanity is paying the price today for the sins committed by some in the past. The warlords of a few nations have plunged the races of earth into a catastophe unequaled in any period of the world's history. This sin of greed and conquest, and of extirpation and ultimate domination of the earth has engulfed the peoples of the nations into the great price of destruction, misery and tragic death on every hand. Through their inhuman desire for world power and supreme domination, they have drawn into this flaming world-upheaval peaceful and God fearing peoples who are having to pay the price never dreamed of in the history of any land.

Young Christian men are having to sacrifice home and pleasant surroundings, friends and loved ones, and to take their places on the battle fronts of the world to suffer hardships, endure intense suffering and death, all because the warlords of a few nations launched the bloody struggle against the rest of the world. Cities in great numbers are being destroyed, thousands of helpless and innocent men and women, boys and girls are paying the price in suffering and death. Others are suffering the loss of property and the means of earning a living all because the warlords set the world aflame with fire and the sword. Homes are broken up, families are scattered in various sections of the country, and sorrows fill the hearts of millions of people. Yes, they are paying the price of a struggle which they did not want to come upon their people.

Most people are affected, in one way or another, in every land which is taking part in the conflict. Lasting impressions are being made upon the minds of the school children concerning this great struggle. Ideas are being formed concerning the injustice and the un-called-for conflict which will live with many people through the years. The Church of Christ, the Institution set up on earth to lead men to a knowledge of the saving power of the blessed Son of God, is being greatly affected by this world-upheaval. It is putting forth renewed efforts to teach the world the folly of bloody conflicts and to lead all people to Christ Jesus for salvation and brotherly peace. More workers and more money than ever are being used by the different church organizations in the Christian nations for the great task which is theirs to perform for the salvation of thousands of lost souls. In spite of war and the price which millions of people are having to pay because of its devastating results, the church will stand, and God will bless those who join ranks and stand with it. Though suffering will come to many of its members in many lands, yet they will reap their reward in the end. Many shall have to pay the price here in deprivations and sufferings, but in the glory world they will rejoice throughout the endless ages of eternity.

WHEN CHRIST CAME TO MY RESCUE

As time passes by, I feel that to tell my experience with Christ will help to bring comfort to some one when worried and afraid, just as the experience has done for me.

My story begins on Saturday night before we were to sail on Monday for an unknown destination in the war zone. Yes, I was afraid. As I lay on my bunk in a tent in San Francisco, waiting for our time to sail, I was thinking of the danger that we might run into. I could picture our transport being attacked and sunk. I couldn't see any way to escape certain death, for I had been on a transport before and knew just how crowded one is. There was every possibility that an enemy would get us. If we had luck to land, where would it be? Yes, it would be somewhere to fight the enemy and I would probably be killed. What would happen to my loved ones? If I had luck not to be killed, I would be gone for so long. Could my loved ones get along without me? Would they be living when I returned? Etc. To be waiting to go to war without trusting God is a very miserable feeling. I know, for I have tried it.

About eight-thirty on this Saturday night Christ appeared before me just as natural as any man. The picture looked as if Christ were standing on a hill just in front of our tent. He said in a very natural voice, "Be not afraid; I am with you." The dark, cloudy picture of fear left me and everything became bright and shining. It was a wonderful feeling to have all trouble, fear, and doubt removed at once and Christ standing there ready to help me. In an instant I was happier than I had ever been. I arose from my bunk and wrote a very good friend of mine, a worker for Christ, and told him of my experience of seeing and talking with Christ. I also asked him to pray with me at a certain time each week. At this time I go to God in a special prayer, thanking Him for the love and care that He has shown over me and my loved ones.

I always ask Him to give me courage and strength and to lead and guide me in the way I should go. I have not had the least fear or doubt about my future since that Saturday night in San Francisco.

On a censor date we landed on a South Sea Island without the loss of a man. Since we have been here God has wonderfully blessed us. Without Christ this would be a miserable place. I have had many experiences that the censor would not let me write, but God has always been near to cast away every fear. We have with us a nice little chaplain who is very faithful to us and God's work. Very soon after we arrived here he and some of the men built a church of poles and palm leaves. Each Sunday morning we meet there to worship our Lord and Saviour.

I was reared in a Christian home and was taught to go to church and Sunday school. I was taught the love of God and tried to live a straight life. But I had never been in touch with Christ as I have since that Saturday night in San Francisco. I am very glad I was sent over seas, for I am not only serving our country in its great need, but I have learned to rely upon the Lord Jesus Christ. I know His wonderful love and comfort, which I probably never would have known if I had not come. I don't know what lies ahead. I don't worry about that, for God will take care of me. I feel he will take me safely home in due time. As I look back over the past, I have not done anything for Christ. But when I get back home I intend to do everything possible to help others to take Christ as a partner and to know His love and comfort as I do.

Here on this Island, most of the natives are Christians. Until about thirty years ago they didn't know of Christ the Saviour. The old Chief told me that thirty years ago an American Missionary taught him and his tribe the love of Christ, also the English language. The chief has been teaching the Word of God to his people ever since. They have some very interesting services.

I would like to say in conclusion that, if you seek God in time of trouble or fear, you will always find Him near and ready to help you.

P. S.—This testimonial of Mr. Whaley was sent in for publication in the Baptist paper by his wife, Mrs. Lee Whaley, who is now a student at F. W. B. Bible School, Nashville, Tennessee.—Editor.

SOMEONE HAD PRAYED

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted, but I did not know
Someone had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We can not tell how often as we pray
For some hurt one, bewildered and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray.

—Grace Noll Crowell

IN WARTIME

By K. Cameron Ward

Lord, I will pause and pray;
There is no other way.
The clouds of war loom thick;
Nerves fail and hearts grow sick.
Only the children play;
Lord, I will pause and pray.

Lord, I will talk to Thee,
Else I will silent be.
Tempers are quick and ill;
Tongues are bitter and shrill,
And all men disagree.
Lord, I will talk to Thee.

Lord, I will look to Thee—
To Thee, whose name is Love.
The outward glance brings grief,
The downward no relief;
Inward?—no peace or love;
Lord, I will look above.

A FATHER'S PRAYER

When all is still within these walls,
And Thy sweet sleep through darkness falls
On little hearts that trust in me,
However bitter toil may be,
For length of days, O Lord! on Thee
My spirit calls.

Their daily need my day enthralls
My hand and brain, but when night falls
And leaves the questioning spirit free
To brood upon the days to be
For time and strength, O Lord! on Thee
My Spirit calls.

—Anon.

TWO SPLENDID SERVANTS OF GOD RECOMMENDED

Dear Co-Workers:

We have been thinking for some time, after reading Sister Wheeler's wonderful articles on Free Will Baptist History, that we would write to the Baptist paper, telling our many friends and the church people at large that she is a winderful Christian character.

It was our happy privilege to know her years ago as Miss Wilmetta Marks, and also to see her and witness her beautiful marriage to Dr. H. A. Wheeler. The wedding was a church affair and many were present. At the close she held her hands out as the friends came to greet her, and she asked if any one wanted to accept Christ. It was more like a revival, and Dr. Wheeler said that he was not surprised that his wife would turn the wedding into a revival meeting.

Sister Wheeler is an able speaker, and has had great experience in revival work as a Free Will Baptist. She has also gone into other fields of labor. We feel that this great woman of God can be a great blessing to our people. Let us give her a chance to work among our churches. Any church would do well to secure her services. We wish also to recommend our dear Sister Curtis of Herron, Illinois, who is a "Flaming Evangelist" who is heralding the gospel of Christ for the salvation of lost souls, wherever God opens the door for her services.

We have been associated with Sister Curtis for the last five years in her home and in the ministry. We know her as a fine Christian woman. She is talented for any pulpit, and whoever is fortunate to secure her services, will do well, and I will say that she will be a blessing to the church in winning the lost to Christ.

These two splendid women of God have not asked me to make these statements on their behalf, but we feel led of the Master to do so, for we need them in our great work as a denomination.

Recommended by their friend and sister in the gospel ministry.

Lizzie McAdams

SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

By Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

"Christ came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1: 15).

In the above text, Paul declares the intention of the Lord Jesus Christ. In His mission on earth, however, he required, and does require yet, that men and women make a complete surrender of their heart and inner life. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Ac. 16: 31). "He that believeth on the Son of God, hath everlasting life" (Jon. 3: 16). Read the eighth chapter of Luke, and you will clearly see from the Parable of the Sower, that each individual person has to surrender his or her whole inner life and heart, which is the seat of life, to the will of God.

Notice this parable closely, and you will see that some of the seed of life fell by the way-side, and were trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. Some fell upon a rock, and some fell among thorns. Notice that these three characters were not desirous of salvation. Verse 8 shows that the characters who have their hearts and life of sin broken up, and through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they have been born again. They began to show the power of the gospel in their every day lives.

In Matthew 13: 47 we read also the kingdom of heaven (visible church) is like unto a net which was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind. You can readily see that only those who have been born again of the incorruptible seed of God are members of Christ's invisible kingdom, which is the true church. We read in Jeremiah 6: 16, "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." This prophecy was spoken approximately six hundred years before Christ, and under the law dispensation, but a surrender of heart and life was required of men and women to God's will, under the Law dispensation.

DRINK IS DESTRUCTIVE

The traveler who walks just as close as he possibly can to the dangerous edge of the precipice is not more foolish than the young fellow who takes his first drink of wine in a social gathering. The "cocktail hour" is a dangerous hour for many a young person at a party who learns, by beginning the practice, how insidious drink may be. Temperance is not just a question of not getting drunk but of not wanting what leads to that intemperance which is so easily a laughing matter to some of our boys and girls. It is not enough to talk against the dangers of drink as though that were all that is needed to set folks straight on that subject, but in addition and above all to build right here in this Sunday school a reliance upon the will of the Lord Jesus that we may be able to live the daily life of the Christian. On the stairway of a building, occupied by a Gospel hall on the second story, someone had written on the wall, "The spirit above is the spirit of love; the spirit below is the spirit of woe." Your choice between the two makes all the difference in the world to your dear ones and yourself, and to your Lord. Let us pray.—S. S. Times

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

"Why Does God Allow This War To Go On?"

I have heard it asked of late on two or three occasions: "Why does God let, or allow this war to go on?" While others say that "God is sending His wrath upon this wicked world." There are many predictions about the "post-war conditions," while there are those who think and preach that "This is the end of all earthly things."

We might ask ourselves the question, "Why did God allow His chosen people to be carried away into Babylonian captivity?" Yet, we know that history substantiates the fact that these people called the "Hebrews" were carried into captivity and suffered a great deal at the hands of their captors. But if we will know the truth, their captivity was due to the fact that they had wandered away from God's commandments. Therefore, away from God in spirit, it resulted in their being carried away from the land that God had given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

So it is with God and this war. The whole world lieth in sin. America has become a nation of "wine-bibbers" and drinkers of hard liquor. Drunkenness is everywhere among men and women. Adultery and worldly lusts have dethroned common decency. The divorce court is one of the devil's biggest clubs to destroy the home. Almost every law making body tries to make divorce to be had on easier terms. The great nations that claim to be Christian are only Christian in name in a great measure. Infidelic Europe and heathenistic Japan are strong enemies of Christianity. But like the Jews, our Christian nations have gone so far away from righteousness and real faith in God and the saving grace through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that we will have to suffer a great deal before God will be recognized by us. We are depending on the wisdom of man in saving us through bigger and better guns, faster and more powerful bombers and fighting planes, together with better submarines. Yes, the whole thing depends, according to the master minds (thought to be master minds) on men to out do the enemy by the power of men and weapons of war. But under God, and through His mighty power will we win. And until there is more praying and confessing of sin, until God is recognized as "All Power" and worshipped as such, God will allow this war, perhaps, to go on. That is my honest opinion. God says "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." And morally and religiously the United States of America has been going backward for the past twenty years.

God Is Dead—Is God Dead?

I have just read in the Moody Monthly a poem by Cannon R. H. A. Haslam, which is a question with an answer, under the above caption. Here are the words that precede the poem. "Many today are asking, 'If there is a God, why does He not intervene to stop the war?' But thousand are living as though there were no God."

The Question

"Have you heard the greatest news that God is dead?
The old world is now without any head.
We'll live and we'll die without any dread,
Since we are certain that God is dead.

Oh, isn't it grand that God is dead?
No longer need we by conscience be led;
We can live as we like and naught be said,
For the one we called God is dead.

What a comfort it is that God is dead!
On Sundays now we can enjoy our bed,
Go touring or golfing—on any path tread;
God is silent, so must be dead.

And then, since we know that God is dead,
No prayers unto Him need ever be said,
No morals be heeded, no Bible read
To learn of the one who is dead.

The Answer

God can be silent without being dead;
E'en though He is silent, be not misled;
He will not restrain; He waitetn instead
For our faith, now seemingly dead.

But sinner, awake! Our God is not dead,
For though, like the ostrich, you bury your head
And deaden your conscience, and plunge ahead
In sin, yet our God is not dead.

Though you live your life as if God were dead—
Live in sin, for self, without any dread
Of the wrath of God, which rests on the head
Of sinners—yet God is not dead.

Yes, sinner! He lives, whom you treat as dead.
He loves you; He gave His Son in your stead,
Whose most precious blood for you has been shed;
Oh, trust Him, for He is not dead."

One reason that this poem struck me so much is because that I had the privilege two years ago to hear this great man of God, Cannon R. H. A. Haslam, expound the word or truth and deliver great messages for the Lord. Another reason is because the poem brings forth a great indictment of truth. The world as a whole, with a few exceptions, has gone after the god of gold, and the god of pleasure, and is living as if God were dead.

What Do We Hear?

Have you taken any notice of late as to the conversation which you hear in the bus stations, or railroad stations, on the trains, in the barber shops, or any place where people do gather? If you have, I am sure that you have not heard much about God. The salvation of men through and by Jesus Christ is seldom mentioned in the public. People talk about the

"show last night" but you do not hear anything said about "the prayer meeting last night." They talk about the dance, the club; they whine and complain about being "rationed" but never complain about the devil's grip on lost souls. Speaking of lost souls makes me think, for I heard a preacher say the other day, "We have got to wear out more soles if we do anything saving lost souls." That is, we have got to do more walking to save the lost. That was unusual. For often, when preachers are together, there is not much said about lost souls. There are exceptions of course. In conclusion, here is my honest opinion; we need to pray from the very depths of our inmost being, "Lord give me a passion for lost souls."—Amen. Brother preacher, have you PRAYED FOR SUCH A PASSION? Brother layman, have you prayed, "Give us souls?" Well, it is time to begin.

CHRIST'S "I WILLS"

"And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a certain man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy left him" (Luke 5: 12, 13).

There was no uncertainty about Jesus when He said, "I will." He never wasted any time or broke any promise. We find here when this man said, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean," and Jesus said, "I will," this man was immediately made clean.

Jesus is the same today as He was then when He walked upon earth. When we are willing to trust God, He will make us clean. Without the blood of Christ there is no forgiveness of sin, no victory over the Devil, no peace and contentment in our souls. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10: 32). We shall have to confess Christ sometime in our life, if we want Jesus to confess us unto the Father, for He says, "If thou wilt confess me, I will confess thee."

When we confess Jesus and believe on His name, we are changed instantly as new creatures in Christ Jesus. We learn that Zachaeus was a tax collector, a sinful man. When he climbed the tree to see Jesus, he was a sinful man, but we find that he later became a changed man. Jesus told him that He was to abide at his house. Jesus will receive us, and confess us to His Father as soon as we are willing to confess Him.

One day Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, and saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. He said unto them, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." They straightway left their nets and followed Him. God says that when we are willing to follow Him, He will make us fishers of men. When God calls us today, are we willing to leave all, as did Peter and Andrew, and follow Him?

Jesus said, "I will pray unto the Father, and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever" (Jon. 14: 16). Here we find Christ's most wonderful promise, the promise of another Comforter. When He went away this Comforter was to come to guide us into all truth. When Christ was here on earth, He was the Comforter, but when He had to leave this world, He promised another Comforter, and that was the Holy Spirit of God. When we confess Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, we receive that Comforter. Let us remember these "I Wills" of Jesus: "I will, be thou clean"; "I will confess"; "I will make ye fishers of men:" "I will pray to the Father."

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51: 11.

FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Young people's league, Tulsa church	$ 10.00
Kanawa Q. M. of West Virginia	14.38
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	2.00
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	36.00
George Webster, Washington N. C.	15.00
Sale of Missionary pictures	1.10
Missouri State Association	108.45
Eastern Union of S. C.	25.00
State Line S. S. Convention of Alabama	5.99
State of North Carolina, by State Treasurer	30.17
Mt. Vernon S. S. of Illinois	2.00
Sent in by Miss Barnard as result of Miss Yeley's tour in Tennessee	69.04

Winford Davis, Treas.

A FRIEND INDEED

Sometimes the cross is heavy and burdens are so hard to bear,
I'm tempted to give up every thing, but to God I go in prayer;
He has never failed to help me in time of need,
He has never proved unfaithful, Oh what a Friend indeed!

He puts wings on every sorrow, and sends them on their flight,
He shares your every burden, makes your heavy cross light;
He'll give you joy unspeakable, and fill your soul with singing.
He'll fill your mouth with praises and set your heart-bells ringing.

By Mrs. Venie M. Carney,
Durham, N. C.

The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isa. 61: 1.

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NATIONAL FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

Dear Co-Workers:

At this writing we are with Brother E. C. Morris, of Glennville, Georgia. We have visited his churches in the interest of the Auxiliary work, and we have found some splendid people here who are supporting the National Program. Before coming here, we made a tour of the churches in Florida, and it was our happy privilege to visit the three Free Will Baptist churches in the city of Jacksonville. The pastor of the First Church is Rev. B. Altman; in the Second, Rev. D. E. Avery; and in the Third, Rev. C. J. Pitts is pastor. This one is a new church. We certainly did enjoy visiting among these congregations, and working with these dear people in the interest of our denomination. They are very anxious to see the work go forward.

We organized an auxiliary at the new church, and advised them to get the Year Book of Programs, the Manuals, and the Jehoiada Chests, and the Penny-A-Day plan in operation as soon as possible. God bless them that they may go forward with great success. We made our home with Brother and Sister G. C. Cloud, who are fine workers in our church. We have known them for years, and it was a real blessing to be able to visit in their home, and to enjoy the sweet fellowship together. May the Lord bless them. There was another blessing for us to have had Sister S. R. Carroll from Winterville, North Carolina, to visit these churches with us. She was visiting her son, Dr. Bryant Carroll, who was for a few years in Winterville, as a school boy. Sister Carroll also accompanied us to Dukes, Florida, where we visited the fine people there that make up the Harmony Church.

When we arrived we were received with a warm welcome. While there we visited the Women's Auxiliary, and found that they are doing things for the Master with enthusiasm. This church is one hundred percent for the National Program. We made our home with Brother and Sister C. L. Brown, who are much interested in the work. May the Lord bless these dear people.

Next, we visited the Philadelphia Church which is near Folkston. This church also have some very fine people in it. We are asking the prayers of the good people for this church. We did not get to see the pastor, for at the present they just have preaching services once a month. Although the gas situation is very bad, we must do all we can to keep the work of the Lord moving forward.

We are giving you the honor roll this week as follows:

States	Banks	Chests
North Carolina	985	112
Texas	273	18
Florida	230	23
Missouri	158	16
Tennessee	142	14
Kentucky	133	9
Alabama	111	11
Ohio	101	10
West Virginia	66	7
Virginia	65	9
Georgia	35	8
Mississippi	34	4
South Carolina	34	4
Illinois	11	8

I want the auxiliary workers to get busy and order stickers and chests, and boost the work for the glory of God.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

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NOTICE TO FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENTS

Realizing our District Auxiliary Convention is almost here, I just wonder if the Fifth Vice-Presidents of the local societies will take the time to make out their reports, and then mail them to our District Fifth Vice-President.

Please do not pass this matter unnoticed, for I as your Fifth Vice-President do beg you to send to me your report just as soon as you have your March meeting.

Mrs. Hardy Talton,
Pikeville, N. C.

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NOTICE TO AUXILIARIES OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Little Creek Church in Greene County on Wednesday, March 31, 1943.

I want to urge each local society to send the reports to the Vice-Presidents in time for them to make out their reports before coming to the convention.

Since I have been asked to give the names and the addresses of all the Vice-Presidents before the convention meets, I am giving them as follows:

First Vice-President, Mrs. Ruby Eubanks, Kinston, N. C. The First Vice-President is in charge of Publications and Literature, and Chairman of Membership.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C. The Second Vice-President is in charge of the Department of Christian Education.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. E. Harris, 225 Nashville Road, Rocky Mount, N. C. The Third Vice-President is in charge of the Department of both Home and Foreign Missions.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C. The Fourth Vice-President has charge of the Department of Stewardship.

Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C. The Fifth Vice-President has charge of the Orphanage work.

Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Otto C. Merritt, 1509 Wilson Road, Rocky Mount, N. C. The Sixth Vice-President has the Superannuation Department in charge.

Please send reports of your work to the vice-presidents in charge of each department. I am urging you to be present, and to be much in prayer for the success of the convention work, and pray that each officer of the convention will fill her place in a way that will be pleasing to the Master.

Yours in the Master's service,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Secretary

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PLAN OF WORK

As Third Vice-President of the Central District Auxiliary Convention I wish to state my plan of work: First, that we pray more; second, that we give more; third, pray that all foreign mission fields now closed will soon be opened; fourth, pray that God may call some one from eastern North Carolina to give his or her life in foreign mission service.

The mission funds are coming in very rapidly, and I am very much gratified with this record. Let us keep this good work going, for God loves cheerful givers. Since you cannot buy as much gas as you used to, why not give that amount of money to missions. Just think how many souls could be saved by added support and service to missions.

I am asking that each member from all local auxiliaries to send fifty cents (50 cents) or more for missions to your third vice-president not later than March 20, 1943.

Yours for Home and Foreign Missions,

Mrs. N. E. Harris,
Third Vice-President,
Central Conference District

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JOHNSON UNION AID REPORT

Our Aid society held four meetings in February, but due to cold weather we are still meeting in the homes of the members.

We studied from the Book of Acts, chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7. After the study of each we had a chain of prayer. In this way each member had an opportunity to pray. We found it very beneficial, and are glad of the fact that most of our members pray as we meet in our Aid work.

Membership Activities

Members on roll	23
Average attendance	13
Chapters read in the Bible	176
Sick visits made	92
Trays given to the sick	3
Quarts of milk given to the sick	56
Pounds of butter given away	9
Floral designs given	1

Financial Statement

Amount of dues	$3.09
Paid for sick benefit	4.00
Paid out for quilt material	1.75
Paid for funeral design	5.00
Total in treasury	9.25
Birthday dues paid in	58 cents

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

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PROGRAM

The Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference will convene with Little Creek Church in Greene County on March 31, 1943.

Theme: Overcoming through Loyalty to Christ

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
9:40—Devotional by Mrs. Frank Shirley
9:55—Address of welcome by Mrs. R. B. Spencer
—Response by Mrs. Ruby Eubanks
10:00—Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
10:10—President's message
10:25—Reading of minutes
—Roll call of churches
10:45—Report of the First Vice-President
—Special music
11:00—Report of the Second Vice-President
—Congregational singing led by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
—Appointment of committees and announcements
12:00—Noon recess

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotional by Mrs. Brantly Speight
1:20—Report of delegates to other conventions
1:30—Report of the First Vice-President
1:45—Orphanage News by Rev. James A. Evans
2:00—Report of the Third Vice-President
—Report of the Fourth Vice-President
2:20—Special music by Mrs. J. C. Moye
2:30—Address by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
2:50—Report of the Sixth Vice-President
—Report of the Field Worker
3:00—Business, unfinished or new
—Report of the Resolutions Committee
—Report of the Committee on Petitions
—Report of the Finance Committee
—Report of the Nomination Committee
—Report of the Treasurer
—Report of the Courtesy Committee
3:45—Adjournment

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary

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ANNUAL REPORT WHITE OAK WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WORK

(Year of 1942)

Activities

Members enrolled	15
Chapters read in Bible	1568
Visits to sick	408
Trays to sick	48
Flowers to sick	36
Convalescent cards	1
Subscribers to F. W. B. Papers	8
Cash and commodities to needy	$122.40
Amt. of Dues collected	30.75
Amt. by Special offerings	77.10
Cash to Orphanage	6.00
Value of supplies to Orphanage	11.60
Raised for Education	3.00
Raised for Superannuation	3.00
Raised for Foreign Missions	14.00
Used locally	39.00
Convention Dues	4.45
Jehoiada Chest	7.45

Penny-A-Day plan	2.35
Total disbursements	96.85
Balance in Treasury	15.00

We desire an interest in your prayer for our work in the future.

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

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NOTICE

I am asking the First Vice-President of all local Ladies Auxiliaries to please send me your reports at once, so I can make out my report, as First Vice-President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Western Association, to be held with Pine Level Church, April 7, 1943.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. E. Wilder,
First Vice-President,
Middlesex, N. C., R-1.

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
Women and the Church (Louise Novotny)	$ .60
Talks on Soul Winning (E. Y. Mullins)	$ .25
The Plan of Salvation (Austin Crouch)	$ .40
The Open Gate to Prayer (Mabel N. Thurston)	$ .25
This World's Goods (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Missions in the Bible (J. B. Lawrence)	$ .25
Helping Others to Become Christians (Roland Leavel)	$ .35
Missionary Lessons from the Bible (Aulck)	$ .35
Stewardship Parables of Jesus (Roswell C. Long)	$ .50
Studies in Christian Stewardship	$ .30
How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* — Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* — Greenville, Tenn.

TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND THOSE WHO SPONSOR CLOTHING

Dear Friends:

As spring approaches, it is time for us to request the Free Will Baptist Denomination for funds to purchase spring and summer clothing.

With the world conditions in mind, shoe rationing and advanced prices, it is going to be a difficult task to obtain clothing. We have even been asked to repair as much as possible, this being no easy job to get done. For the past two weeks, I have talked with shoe dealers on the shoe question and it is not yet solved, but hoping we can get shoes.

The past season, we asked for $15.00 per child, but with advanced prices, we are asking this season for $20.00. In 1942 we spent $2,673.72 to clothe our children. This, you see, was over $33.00 per child.

As we are late in getting this letter out, we will appreciate remittance as soon as possible. We appreciate your interest in the clothing fund and feel confident that you will continue to do your part.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,
James A. Evans,
Superintendent.

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MONEY OR BONDS SENT IN FOR CHAPEL DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1943

Free Union Church, Western, Nash County	$ .50
Mt. Zion L. A. S., Nash County	18.75
Mrs. M. M. Ayscue	18.75
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Eastern)	18.75
Dilda's Grove L. A. S.	18.50
Oak Grove Church, Cape Fear	18.50
Oak Grove L. A. S. (Eastern)	18.75
Pee Dee Union No. 1	18.75
Free Union Church, Nash County	4.50
Friendship L. A. S., Central	18.50
Free Union S. S., Central	18.50
Deep Run L. A. S.	18.75
Sneads Ferry L. A. S.	18.75

Receipts for February, 1943

1st Union, Western	$ 39.04
2nd Union, Western	10.00
Milbourney Church	1.00
Free Union church, Western	.50
Davis Church	7.50
Trent Church	13.40
Mt. Zion L. A. S., Nash County	18.75
Cape Fear Union	34.58
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren	10.00
Greenville Church	33.00
Spring Branch S. S.	1.75
4th Union Aux. Convention, Central	55.54
South View Church	3.00
Union Grove, Durham County	5.00
Hansley's Chapel Church	17.45
Tippett's Chapel Church	4.00
King's Chapel Church	2.30
3rd District Union (General Collection) Western	6.11
3rd District Union (All churches, Western)	10.05
Mrs. M. M. Ayscue	18.75
Friendship S. S., Western	5.78
4th Union, Central	43.64
David H. Furlough	5.00
5th Eastern Union	42.00
Albemarle Union Convention	141.00
Free Union S. S., Beaufort County	4.21
Farm Receipts	5.00
Mrs. L. E. Ballard	2.00
Tee's Chapel S. S.	9.00
5th Eastern S. S. Convention	27.00
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Tar River Union	720
Lockhart S. S.	5.00
Premium Department	50.64
Lenoir County, Department of Public Welfare	25.00
Farm Receipts	26.22
Second Union, Central	46.34
Gum Neck L. A. S.	1.00
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Eastern)	18.75
Carteret County League and S. S. Convention	13.71
W. G. Wilson	3.00
Elwood Lane Church	5.00
J. H. French	5.00
Spring Branch S. S.	1.75
Dilda's Grove L. A. S.	18.50
Cape Fear (F. W. Holiness Conference)	24.74
Goshen Grove S. S.	25.00
Swannanoa L. A. S.	12.57
Oak Grove Church, Cape Fear	18.50
Swannanoa L. A. S.	5.00
Swannanoa Church	1.00
Belhaven S. S.	16.71

Mrs. Arthur Mason	10.00
Homer's Chapel Church	3.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Warden's Grove Church	5.42
Oak Grove L. A. S.	18.75
White Oak Church, Pee Dee	7.36
Mount Olive S. S.	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	11.77
Core Creek L. A. S.	6.00
Mrs. Beatrice Lewis	2.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	10.00
Pee Dee Union No. 1	18.75
St. Mary's Church, Eastern	7.70
LaGrange S. S.	3.00
Free Union Church, Nash County	4.50
Sidney Church	13.28
Wilson County Public Welfare Department	15.00
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Morehead City S. S.	10.00
Antioch Church, Wayne County	40.00
Goldsboro S. S.	10.31
James Cox	8.00
3rd Union, Eastern	30.00
Friendship L. A. S., Central	18.50
5th Union, Eastern	40.00
Kinston S. S.	12.00
Greenville S. S.	11.18
Refund	31.50
Farm Receipts	.65
Farm Receipts	6.25
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	9.25
Farm Receipts	19.38
Miss Nellie Alford	3.00
R. A. Chamblee	1.00
Farm Receipts	49.53
Owen's Chapel	4.25
Union Chapel S. S.	3.95
Union Chapel	6.62
Pilgrim's Rest S. S.	3.00
Bethel Church	3.30
Farm Receipts	13.80
Free Union S. S., Central	18.50
Free Union Leagues	2.75
Deep Run L. A. S.	18.75
Winterville S. S.	3.00
St. John's Chapel	4.00
Bridgeton Missionary Society	2.00
New Bern Church, by Julia Harrison	1.00
New Bern Church, by R. J. Shumate	6.00
New Bern Church, by Mary E. Myers	5.00
Polly and Dolly Morris	3.00
New Bern Church, by J. W. Reece	5.00
Hazel Green S. S.	5.00
Saratoga Church	3.00
Belhaven S. S.	6.51
Gum Neck S. S.	5.00
Piney Grove Church, Johnston County	3.16
Snead's Ferry L. A. S.	18.75
Juniper Chapel Church	9.50
Rain's Cross Roads church	13.39
Field Secretary of State Association (Rev. J. C. Griffin)	29.78
Friendship Church, Jones County	11.23
St. Mary's Church and S. S. (Western)	5.88
Farm Receipts	39.60
Ruby Lee Parisher	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Sound View S. S.	5.00
Lucama-Kenly Bank (Loan)	800.00
Total	$2,430.78

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TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Route 9
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Friend:

"Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work." I feel impressed to mail the most earnest appeal that I have yet made in the behalf of the Orphanage. Dark as is the present, much darker is the outlook for the future. Suffering, famines, destitution such as the world has never known is just around the corner. The greater the need the greater will be our opportunity for service. Similar institutions are curtailing every department while we are expanding and growing in every direction. It is no time to become faint-hearted nor discouraged. Now is the time to show our colors and march on to victory in the name of Emmanuel, the Captain of our Salvation.

December has always been the best month for receipts; while January is not so good and February and March have been the lowest in the year. I made an especial appeal to all the churches to help prevent a similar occurrence this year. You have all responded in a wonderful way, and our income has exceeded that of the previous months. If it had not done so, we would now be in a deplorable condition as everything has gone sky high and we have had to stock up while things could be purchased.

I am praying and I believe that God will answer these prayers through you good people that March will be the best month we have had yet. We are expecting the next few months to show the greatest growth the Home has yet seen and this in face of present day conditions. Join me in prayer that we may so work, pray and trust God that he will bless us far beyond our dreams.

It is not enough to provide for the needs of the growth of the present, but we must prepare for the lean years ahead. Our people have never handled anything like the money they are handling to-day. God is giving us an opportunity of a life time. Let us take full advantage of it in every way. There is no doubt in my mind but that the years ahead will make a greater demand on homes of this kind than the world has yet known. I think the solution is an endowment fund. Many of you wish to contribute all you can to the war effort. Why don't you send money to this special fund and every time a hundred dollars is in this fund, we will buy a bond of a hundred dollars for this purpose. Smaller bonds can not be bought by an institution of this kind. Of course we are seeking money for this fund in addition to our regular monthly income.

We wish to thank you for your wonderful support. You have always rallied to this cause in the most wonderful way.

Yours for the Cause of the Master,
Paul Woolsey, Supt.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Baptist Readers:

I wish to express my heart-felt thanks to the many friends who were so kind during the illness and death of my beloved brother, Fleet C. Burroughs. I sincerely appreciate the kind deeds and thoughtfulness shown by those who visited the home and remained at his bedside during his suffering, and those who sent floral designs, and in every way offered their sympathy.

Again, may I extend my heart-felt thanks.

Mrs. Harvey Moore,
Chocowinity, N. C.

He hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isa. 53: 12.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

OUR LORD'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(Lesson for March 21)

Lesson: John 17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are" (John 17:11).

In this chapter Jesus repeatedly speaks or refers to believers as being given to Him by the Father. As Jesus Christ is God's Love-gift to the world, so are the believers the Father's love-gift to Jesus Christ. Here Jesus commits the believers to the Father for safe-keeping, assures them of His oneness with the Father and Their great desire to dwell in the body of the believer. "We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him."

This blessed fact brings comfort to the heart of every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ, that God the Father, and Jesus Christ the Son, are dwelling in his person, through the presence of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20; Eph. 3: 17).

If believers fully realized that Jesus Christ stands in their stead before the Father, and that all He is and has is theirs, by virtue of their union with Him, how they would appreciate the blessing and potency of His intercessory prayer, and would yield themselves wholly to Him! Herein lies the secret of a happy Christian life, and of spiritual strength.

If any truth ought to be emphasized in our days, it is that of the spiritual unity of believers, so that the world could behold the grace of God and believe. "See how they love one another," was the secret of persuasion with the Jews in the days of Jesus Christ. The love and unity of believers is still a strong factor in persuading men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and in keeping an effective witness before the world.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

"What a fellowship, what a joy Divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms."
—Selected

II. Lesson High Points

1. **Her Prayer Answered.** Dwight L. Moody, when unknown, visited England. He preached in one of the local churches. The sister of an invalid attended the morning service. "Who preached this morning?" asked the invalid sister. "Dwight L. Moody," was the reply. Then the invalid sister revealed the fact that for years she had been praying that God would send Moody to England for a mighty revival. The invalid continued to pray. God's power fell upon Moody, and thousands were wonderfully saved. How rich will be the reward of the praying invalid; God says that, when we pray, He will work. Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matt. 9: 38).

2. "Enter Into Thy Closet"

"From a convert in Uganda
Comes to us a story: grander
Is the lesson that it teaches
Than a sermon often preaches—
For they tell what sore temptations
Come to them, what need of patience,
And a need all else outweighing
Of a place for private praying.
So each convert chose a corner
Far away from eye of scorner,
In the jungle where he could
Pray to God in solitude.
And so often went he thither
That the grass would fade and wither
Where he trod, and you can trace
By the paths, each praying place.
If they hear the evil tiding
That a brother back is sliding,
And that some are even saying,
'He no longer cares for praying,'
Then they say to one another,
Very soft and gently, 'Brother,
You'll forgive us now for showing
On your path the grass is growing.'
And the erring one, relenting,
Soon is bitterly repenting.
'Ah, how sad I am at knowing
On my path the grass is growing;
But it shall be so no longer,
Prayer I need to make me stronger;
On my path so oft I'm going,
Soon no grass will there be growing.' "
—Unknown

3. Two Truths to Remember

(a) The seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel is the Lord's prayer. It is the prayer in which Jesus prayed to God for himself, for his apostles and for the world. It is a plea unto God for the glory of the Son, and for those who believe in the gospel plan of salvation, and also for those who might be saved by the preaching of the Word of God by his servants.

Ye children of men, attend to the word
So solemnly uttered by Jesus the Lord;
And let not its message to you be in vain,
"Ye must be born again."

(b) **"Glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee."** This request which Christ asked of God consists of the following: (1) by enthroning him at the right hand of the Father; (2) by crowning him as the Head of the Church of the living God; (3) by sending down the Holy Spirit to comfort and to guide all those on whose behalf he is to suffer; and (4) by putting all their foes under his footstool.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

4. Paul As An Intercessor

"I bow my knees unto the Father, that He would grant you to be strengthened with might by His Spirit." Eph. 3: 14, 16.

We see above what he wrote to the Ephesians. Think of what he said

to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 3: 10, 13): 'Night and day praying exceedingly, that we might perfect that which is lacking in your faith, to the end He may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness." To the Romans (chap. 1: 9): "Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." To the Philippians (chap. 1: 4): 'Always in every prayer of mine for you all, making request with joy." And to the Colossians (chap. 1: 9, 2: 1): "We do not cease to pray for you. I would that ye know what great conflict I have for you."

Day and night he cried to God in his intercession for them, that the light and the power of the Holy Spirit might be in them; and as earnestly as he believed in the power of his intercession for them, did he also believe in the blessing that theirs would bring upon him. "I beseech you, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" (Rom. 15: 30). "God will yet deliver us, ye also helping together by prayer for us" (2 Cor. 1: 10, 11). "Praying also for me, that I may open my mouth boldly" (Eph. 6: 18, 19; Col. 4: 3; 2 Thess. 3: 1. "This shall turn to my salvation through your prayer" (Phil. 1: 19).

The whole relationship between pastor and people depends on the united continual prayerfulness. Their whole relationship to each other is a heavenly one, spiritual and Divine, and can only be maintained by unceasing prayer.—Selected.

THE MISSIONARY CALL

"O! hard to the call;
It comes unto all
Whom Jesus hath rescued from sin's deadly thrall:
'Come over and help us! in bondage we languish;
Come over and help us! we die in our anguish';
It comes unto me;
It comes unto thee;
Oh what—oh what shall the answer be?

"It comes to the soul
That Christ hath made whole,
The heart that is longing His name to extol;
It comes with a chorus of pitiful wailing;
It comes with a plea which is strong and prevailing:
'For Christ's sake' to me;
'For Christ's sake' to thee;
Oh what—oh what shall the answer be?

"We come, Lord, to Thee,
Thy servants are we;
Inspire Thou the answer, and true it shall be!
If here we should work, or afar Thou should'st send us
Oh grant that Thy mercy may ever attend us,
That each one may be
A witness for Thee,
Till all the earth shall Thy glory see!"

—L. Kathleen Hamilton.

Easter Program Material

Standard Easter Book No. 2

A Program Book for Schools, Large or Small

Do you want a full-length Easter pageant? Suggestions for Easter music? Recitations? Short playlets, drills, exercises, acrostics? "Standard Easter Book No. 2" has 48 pages of such material including the pageant "The Broken Seal."

It can be used to furnish a complete Easter program this year or as a sourcebook to keep and use through the years. The program committee can find here complete programs worked out and ready to produce, or can build its own program from the materials the book contains. Bound in heavy paper. Price, each, 25c.

The Broken Seal

An Easter Pageant by Edward T. Kirkley

This full-length pageant is here offered separately, but please note "The Broken Seal" is also included in the "Standard Easter Book No. 2."

It is based on the resurrection story as recorded in the Scriptures, but elaborated into five parts and eight scenes. The pageant opens with a scene in Pilate's palace as Nicodemus arrives to request the privilege of burying the body of Christ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Then follow in rapid sequence the burial of Christ, the sealing of the tomb, the resurrection, the women at the tomb, the plot of Annas and Caiaphas, and the announcement to the disciples.

Hymns and Scripture readings are suggested to round out an entire morning or evening program. There are full instructions as to stage settings, lighting and costumes for the twenty-three characters (eight young ladies and fifteen young men). Playing time, forty-five minutes. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

Standard Easter Book No. 1

This Easter book is divided into Parts One and Two. Part One consists of the sixteen-page pageant, "The Risen Christ," by M. M. Sturgis, the same as the separate pageant described below.

Part Two begins with a beautiful poem, "Sunrise," followed by an Easter Acrostic and Tableau. Then follows a pageant containing three songs; a poem, "Easter Morning"; a short dialogue, "Easter Lilies"; a playlet, "Why We Believe We Live Forever," and a pageant, "From Darkness to Light." The remaining pages contain poems worthy to be kept in your favorite scrapbook. Paper bound. Price, 25c.

The Risen Christ

A Sixteen-page Easter Pageant, by M. M. Sturgis

The characters are taken from the Scriptures and the scene represents Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, her sister, the wife of Cleopas, John and other disciples. The women are lamenting the shattering of their hopes. They are solicitous about Mary. Scene two introduces the soldiers, chief priests and others, who begin to doubt the wisdom of what they have done. In scene three the characters continue to lament the death of the Lord, until a lad appears with wonderful news. The Lord had risen! The last scene is one of triumph and joy. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.; per hundred, $6.00.

Easter Service No. 1

By R. O. Johnson and J. E. Sturgis

This is an Easter service with emphasis upon decision for Christ, so it may be used at any Easter time. Sixteen pages. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.; per hundred, $6.00.

The Answer of the Cross

A Pageant for Easter Week

By Marie Graham

An Easter Pageant which may, or may not, be used in connection with the observance of the communion service.

The action, which is simple, but tremendously effective, is centered around the cross. Seven characters from varied conditions of life bring their troubles to the cross and find in the "seven last words of Christ" an adequate solution. The script and music reveal the intensity of each episode. For this reason the small congregation, where there may not be a profusion of dramatic talent, will find it as suitable as the large church. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

An Easter Morning Praise Service

By Louise Miller Novotny

A simple, but impressive Easter morning sunrise praise service, by Mrs. Louise Miller Novotny. The author wrote and arranged this sixteen-page service especially for a class of young business women, so it is certain that similar age groups of young people's classes and societies will enjoy and appreciate presenting it. So arranged that many can have a part in the program, while a minimum amount of rehearsing is necessary. Songs, readings, poems, Scripture and prayer are combined in this inspiring service. Price, per copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

Through Darkness to Light

By Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell

A pageant that contrasts the hopelessness of life, had there been no resurrection, with the hope and joy and confidence of belief in a risen Christ. Price, 10c. each; $1.00 a dozen.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CORBETT. W. G. Corbett was born on September 24, 1882, and died on February 2, 1943. He was a member of King's Cross Roads Church.

Brother Corbett was in declining health for several months before his death, but he bore his afflictions with patience. In the early morning, he was taken very ill and died in the afternoon. While he was lingering between life and death, he talked with the family about the Lord, and said that he was ready to depart. He told them that heaven is a pretty place. While he was talking about heavenly things, he gently passed away.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Corbett, two sons, Horace and James, two grandchildren, three brothers and one sister. The funeral was conducted by Reverends D. W. Windham and L. B. Manning. He was buried in the Farmville Cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

Mrs. Kathleen Corbett

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DAVIS. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." With this blessed thought in mind, we look forward to seeing again the face of our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Katie Davis, who departed this life on February 1, 1943, at the age of 63 years old.

She united with the Davis F. W. B. Church in her early girlhood, and remained a devout and consecrated member until the Lord called her Home.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. E. Tyson, in the absence of her pastor, Rev. L. R. Ennis, and was assisted by Rev. W. B. Sprinkle, of the local Baptist Church. The remains were then taken to the cemetery and laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers, a tribute of her many friends and loved ones.

She leaves behind an aged mother, Mrs. Louisa J. Davis, a heart-broken son, Corbet, two sisters, Mrs. Melissa Willis and Mrs. Mittie Davis, three brothers, Herbert, Jerome and Denard Davis, two grandchildren, and a multitude of sorrowing friends. But we weep not as those who have no hope, for we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Kate has only gone a short time ahead of us, and some sweet day those of us who remain will be called to meet her, and all of our loved ones who have gone on before. May we all live faithful until death, that we might inherit a crown that fadeth not away.

Written by a friend, Mrs. Maggie Willis

SMITH. Aubon Smith was called away from us on February 14, 1943. God called him to his heavenly home at the age of 52.

He left to mourn his passing three children, two brothers and one sister, six nieces, five nephews, and a step-mother.

Sleep on and take your rest, for we hope to meet you in heaven some sweet day. We hope that there is joy in heaven for you.

May we as loved ones meet him in glory when our work on earth is done. He worked for the Lord, as he was a Free Will Baptist, while he was in this life.

Written by a friend, Mrs. Vermell Gafford, Iola, Texas

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased an all wise Providence to call to his reward our brother, Norman Joyner, we, the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, realizing our great loss, submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by his passing, we bow in humble submission and due recognition to God's Holy will in calling the spirit of our brother to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and love, during the hour of their bereavement and may they find comfort in Him who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson,
Com.

FREE TO SERVE

"Free to serve!" These words were uttered by a thoughtful woman as she saw a great vessel loosed from its stays to plough its way into the ocean. In the water only could it find its native element. It was in bondage until it was launched. It found its freedom in its preparedness for service.

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Then you tell them what you did,
And where you next might go,
Hoping soon to see them all,
Their loving "so and so."

Dearest Mother and Father:

I am writing this letter at three o'clock on Tuesday. Uncle Timothy is looking for something in the engine, and I told him that he looked more like an Indian on the warpath, because he has so much black grease on his face. He always is losing something in that engine, and every day we stop, it seems he has to look for it. We just stopped here about two hours ago for lunch, and guess what we had? I cooked the lunch. I fixed baked beans (and Davie used almost a whole bottle of cat . . . kate I mean sauce on it, just because they stuck to the bottom of the pan a little). And then I fried some bacon. You know how I love bacon. And we had lemonade, and Uncle Timothy bought some potato chips yesterday, and they were hardly stale at all. I never thought I would like to cook outdoors. I guess you'll want me to do all the cooking when I get home, won't you? Uncle Timothy says that I'm getting to be a better cook each time I cook.

Davie is trying to catch a fish in a little shallow place in the stream just over the hill. I would have gone fishing too, except that Davie said I had to find my own worms, and so I thought I would write you a letter.

But what is very exciting is that we found a child this morning. I guess you can't guess how it happened, can you? Well, we were riding along, eating some apples which Uncle Timothy bought from a farmer, and right out in the middle of the road was this little girl dressed in a blue dress. Why, Mother, if we had gone right on, and not stopped the car, we could have run right over her, and that would have been terrible. We stopped, and we all got out, and she was crying, and crying, and crying. Her face was a little dirty, and her dress had a hole in it, that she must have torn there, and Uncle Timothy carried her back to our car.

Well, for a long, long time she just cried and cried, but when Davie stood on his head and kicked his feet in the air, she stopped crying. After that she laughed. We gave her some crackers and some milk, and Uncle Timothy asked her where she lived. She almost started to cry again, but Davie hurried up and stood on his head again, so she didn't. She said she was five years old, and that her name was Ellen, and that some lady had asked her to go for a ride, and when she had cried and cried and cried, the lady had put her out of the car and gone away.

Uncle Timothy said we were five miles from any town, and that we had better go to a gas station and find a telephone and call up the police and tell them. Well, we all got in the car, and I held Ellen in my arms, and then we started down the road to see if we could find a gas station. Well, what do you think happened after that?

Well, the first thing we saw was a dark red car, stopped right in the middle of the road. A red car! You know mother I wrote you last week about the pretty lady whose tire we fixed, and she told me about that good candy to make? Well, were we ever glad to see it was this same pretty lady. Uncle Timothy stopped our car, and got out to ask her what was the matter, if it was the tire again, and then we got out to see what was the matter. Well, Uncle Timothy had to look at the engine of the red car. We all stood around to see what was wrong. Imagine, seeing this lady again. I was glad, because she is so nice.

We told her about Ellen and everything, and (excuse me Mother, but Davie just scared me something awful with his yells down there by the pond, and made me put this blot of ink here) that Uncle Timothy was going to telephone. Then we all drove to the gas station to get gas for the lady. You see she hadn't any gasoline, and Uncle Timothy said some cars won't run without any gasoline. We pushed the red car with our car all the way to the gas station.

I guess you are about as excited as we were, aren't you? Well, Uncle Timothy telephoned to the police, and they said that Ellen's mother was there crying because she had lost Ellen. So Uncle Timothy told the police about everything (he didn't tell them about the lady in the red car who didn't have any gas, though), and so we said we would take Ellen back to the town where she lived, and that town was just the same one we had eaten breakfast in. But the lady in the red car said that since we had pushed her car to get gas that she would be glad to take Ellen back to her mother, so we didn't.

I was sorry to see little Ellen go home, but she was very glad I am sure to see her mother and father again. She sat right up beside the lady in the red car, and waved her hand to us goodbye.

Well, I guess that was a (excuse me, Mother, Davie just came from the pond and he is all wet. He says that something ate up all his worms, and then got caught on the hook, and pulled him right in, and he is all wet. Uncle Timothy went down to see, and it was the biggest turtle that you ever saw in all your life. About as big as the sofa pillow that Mrs. Adams gave you for Christmas). Well, I guess that was some adventure wasn't it? I mean about Ellen and the lady in the red car, and not about Davie.

Uncle Timothy wants to know if I'm writing a dictionary because he has had to spell so many words for me. Davie said to tell you that he took a picture of the turtle and will send it to you. Uncle Timothy says to send his love, and so does Davie, and so does

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I said, "Let me walk in the fields";
  He said, "Nay, walk in the town";
I said, "There are no flowers there";
  He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the sky is black,
  There is nothing but noise and din."
But He wept as He sent me back;
  "There is more," He said, "there is sin."

I said, "But the air is thick,
  And fogs are veiling the sun."
He answered, "Yet hearts are sick,
  And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,
  And friends will miss me, they say."
He answered me, "Choose to-night
  If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given;
  He said, "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
  To have followed the steps of your guide."

I cast one look at the field,
  Then set my face to the town;
He said, "My child, do you yield?
  Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,
  And into my heart came He,
And I walk in a light divine
  The path I had feared to see!"

—*George MacDonald*

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We shall look forward, during the coming months, to seeing this home opened and unfortunate children being entered into it for care and training. Free Will Baptists of other states will offer, let us hope, their support and share in a financial way with the people of Alabama in paying for the property and opening the home. When a faithful people get their heads and hearts together on a worthy cause, they can bring about desired results for the glory of God.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR THE BIBLE SCHOOL

President Johnson informs us that the Nashville Bible School is progressing in a good way. While it is a small beginning, yet the work is going forward with success. The students, he states, are eager to gain a greater knowledge of God's Word, and are deeply interested in their courses of study. They are pursuing their studies with great desire to be better trained and prepared for rendering services in the gospel ministry.

According to president Johnson's views, the outlook for another year for the school is good, and he and the faculty are looking forward to mapping out the program of work and the arrangement of the curricula of courses for another year very soon. A much larger body of students is expected to enroll for the second year's work than entered the school last fall. Interest in the school is growing, according to the reports coming from some of the ministers in the different sections of the country. The enrollment of students next year at the opening of school should be fifty or more. North Carolina has furnished five this year. Next year she will furnish, let us hope, more than twice this number. The State of Tennessee, the home state of the school, should be able to easily furnish three dozen or more students from the several Free Will Baptist churches scattered over the state. Mississippi, Alabama, Missouri and Oklahoma should send a dozen or more each from their Free Will Baptist churches and communities. Other states will certainly send quite a few students to the Bible School this fall.

We understand that the curricula of courses of study will be well planned and an excellent program of work is to be arranged for every student who attends the school next year. This should interest students who are seeking to study the Bible and to do extensive work in the preparation of life work in the gospel ministry.

The denomination can look forward, we believe, to a continued growth and extension of the school and its effectiveness over the entire connection of the Free Will Baptist church in the United States. With proper interest and support, far and wide, the school should become within just a few years a power for good throughout the ranks of the whole denomination.

NOT HANDS, BUT HEART

By Edna E. Sandblom

When sick and spent, I needs must draw aside,
Leaving the duties and the cares that pressed,
"Why should this now befall me, Lord?" I cried;
But quietly He answered, "Thou must rest."
Oh, there was work I thought that I must do
For Him; but now He said in accents mild,
"Nay, rather, still thy heart, thy vows renew,
And intercede for precious souls, My child.
Just now 'tis not thy busy hands I need;
It is a quiet heart to intercede."

And in the stillness of this time apart
His Word has searched and purified my heart;
My soul has seen the shining of His face
And glimpsed new glories of His matchless grace.
Ah, now I know it is His Spirit which alone
Can move with power to soften hearts of stone,
And touch the prophet's lips with holy fire,
The Word of Life to quicken and inspire.
Just now 'tis not my busy hands God needs;
It is a quiet heart that intercedes!

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1: 18.

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

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This New Birth offers to them a new and divine life, apart from which they cannot be recognized as children of God at all. Paul tells us in Ephesians 1: 7, "In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." The New Birth is a miracle that no man can, by any effort on his part, produce for himself. The New Birth makes a person a new creature in Christ Jesus, and everything of God. It leaves no ground for self confidence of boastfulness, because it is entirely of God. It is a work wrought by the Holy Spirit through the word of God.

How anyone can be a student of the Bible and fail to see the true way of life is a puzzle to me. If the gospel be hid, it is hid to those who will not receive it but remain in sin. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Man can only own his lost condition, but he can receive, by faith, the engrafted word which alone is able to save his soul. "As many as received him (Jesus Christ) to them gave he the power to become the sons of God." Jesus taught Nicodemus, the Jewish leader, that the New Birth was necessary for him to be saved, although he stood high in the religious circles of his day. Jesus plainly showed him that he needed to be regenerated in order to be able to enter into the blessedness of the kingdom of God. Be it understood, everyone is outside the kingdom of God unless he has entered in by the door, the New Birth. This was the lesson which Nicodemus had to learn, and he did learn it, as his after life seems to have proved.

As this age is fast closing, may you dear readers accept, in childlike faith, the gift of salvation which comes through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He suffered, bled and died that we might be saved.

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By J. C. Griffin

Post-War Talk

There are many so-called "great men" who are doing a lot of talking about "post-war conditions" and what kind of "peace we are going to have" all of which to me is foolishness, in many instances. My idea is that we had better win the war and then talk peace. In fact, some of these smart "post-war proposals" are doing harm already. Even the so-called "Allies" cannot agree to a peace-plan today. Such talk, as some are doing, is subject to cause a break between the allies, all of which is sought by the Axis and their friends. The end of the war is too far off to make predictions as to what kind of "peace talk" will be sounded at the peace table. This talk can be done by those who are not in authority today, for we know not what will be on tomorrow. James says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings" (James 4: 14-16). But a great number of our "Boasters" do not name the name of Jesus Christ in their boastings. Many of them use curse words.

Man Made Peace Cannot Live

In the year of 1917-1918, we heard a great deal about "fighting to make democracy safe." But democracy was not safe. Democracy will never be safe, as long as there are people who have lustful, sinful, minds. As long as sin abounds on the earth, there will be no lasting peace. All peace that comes from the minds of depraved human beings will carry its depravity along with its transactions.

So, the Scripture is fulfilled, which says, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (I Thess. 5: 3). There is too much sin in the lives of some who are in authority to make a lasting peace. But when a lasting peace shall come, it will be when the Lord Jesus shall come in power, and "rule the nations" as is prophesied by holy men of old, and declared by the Lord Jesus Himself.

The Coming of the Lord

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you" (James 5: 1).

James says a time of weeping and howling is coming to the rich. Well, they are howling now. The President wants to cut the salaries of the rich down to $25,000, but the howlers are against the cut.

"Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten" (verse 2). The rich—the most of them—get rich by corrupt and unjust methods. They are loaded with clothing that are often motheaten, clothing that should have been worn by those who suffer with cold. But James goes further and says, "Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days." Any well read Bible student will tell you that "We are living in the last days." The signs of the times together with Bible prophecy gives us authority to say that we are close to the end.

"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton: ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter" (James 5: 5). Webster says that the word "wanton" means, "not kept in due restraint; unruly; reckless; unprovoked; lustful; sport-

ive; growing too luxuriantly, this is the meaning as an adjective; and as a noun, it means, "a lewd person; a trifler.—V. I. To revel or frolic unrestrainedly." Certainly, the whole world lieth in such a wanton condition today that, even in the face of this disastrous war, millions are drunken with worldliness.

But let us see what Paul says will be in the last days. "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontient, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3: 1-5). So, Webster and Paul agree as to what kind of persons are "wanton," and our eyes and ears tell us that the world is largely run—the world affairs, together with a great deal of the so-called religious bodies —by such persons as are here described: "lewd," "lustful," "pleasure loving," "ungodly," "boastful," "without natural affection." Those without natural affection are those, I think, who have no sympathy for others. The cattle will low and lament when they see or smell the blood of a suffering fellow. Even the hog will run to a squealing comrade to assist if possible, but man can become so hard and self-willed that he has very little interest in others. And another person, I think, that can be classed as those without "natural affection" is the woman who prefers to pet a poodle, or some other dog, rather than nurse a baby, or use her valuable time for the relief of the suffering about her.

Our Admonition As Christians

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and have long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5: 7, 8).

WHY DEMOCRACY IS BEST

By the Rt. Rev. Benjamin M. Washburn, D. D., Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Newark

Man might conceivably have arrived at the idea of democracy through the exercise of his independent reason. A purely pragmatic philosophy proves its value, for it works, at least better than any other political system, so far as the welfare of each and every unit of society is concerned. At any rate this is true of democracy in theory. If it doesn't work well in practice, the reason is to be found in the fact that in our practice we have deviated from the theory.

For Christians, however, the idea of democracy finds additional support in revealed religion. The Christian doctrine of the Incarnation holds that in Jesus Christ, we discover not only what God is, but also what man ought to be. It proclaims our kinship with God, therefore the dignity of our human personality. If we are made in the image of God, our humanity has its measure of infinite worth.

This is enough of theology for the present. There are two very practical considerations which follow from these basic truths. We are destined for greater ends than we have reached. What these ends may be in terms of our social structure, we must labor to learn. Wisdom is not born, nor does it die, with any individual or generation. It behooves us to have the humility of the seeker for truth without which we cannot find it. Democracy is not so much the right of the majority to rule as it is the right of minorities to think, to speak, and to live. If we chance by race, color, or religion to belong to a majority group, we cannot afford to be disdainful of minorities. Advances in civilization have come because of lonely voices crying in the wilderness a message which was new and sometimes strange. It is foolish hermetically to seal our minds.

A second fact is the real identity of the interest of the several units of society. No social system is good for one unless it is also good for all. Theories must be tested not by their effect upon one class but by their value for the common weal. The temporary sacrifice of the one may be the necessary prelude to the welfare of the whole. No one argues the propriety of calling upon our men in uniform to make a sacrifice of their personal preferences, of their immediate profit, or of their safety and security. In our will to democracy we civilians must respond with equal sincerity and good will. The end is worth the price.—Selected.

THE GOVERNMENT RATIONS EVERYTHING EXCEPT LIQUOR?

The Los Angeles Times, the greatest daily paper on the Pacific Coast, September 3rd, 1942, editorially said:

"We are rationing virtually every other raw material, whatever its visible supply, that is needed for munitions-making. But alcohol, one of the most useful of them all, is practically unrestricted as to wasteful use, and worse.

"What the worse uses are is an old story, but one with a moral newly and sharply pointed by the war. The New York State Department of Health is authority for the statement that economic loss to the country by the diminished or destroyed earning power of drinkers is about $20,000,000,000 a year, which would mean a loss in production values of at least two and half times as much. In terms of sacrificed efficiency, that is, we are paying John Barleycorn just about as much as we are paying to prosecute the war, and getting a good deal less than nothing in return.

"More depends upon the ability of the United States to approximate 100 per cent war efficiency than is the case with all the other Allies put together. Yet the United States is the only major belligerent which has taken no steps to increase the efficiency by restrictions on hard liquor consumption."—In Civic Bulletin.

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*
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TO WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS WASTE?

If we undertook to enumerate the many sins of the American people, which sins have already provoked the wrath and evident judgments of Almighty God against us, we would name one sin no greater than our sin of **wastefulness.** Our people are a luxury loving people. Such, however, is always true of an apostatizing nation. Jesus was saving, and taught others to be when He said, "gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." We do not stop to consider it seriously, but we will certainly be called in question at judgment for our unfaithfulness in stewardship.

If we had the tenth part of what is wasted in this country annually, we could do wonders in sending the gospel to the lost peoples of earth. How do church people (to say nothing of the unsaved) expect to get by with God in the face of so much high living, luxuries, wasting of money, and so little concern about spreading the glad tidings of a risen Lord to a sin-benighted world.

I visited several times in the home of a Mr. Fordham in Detroit. Mr. Fordham was attendant, and held watch care over Edsel Ford's children until they reached the teen age. Mr. Fordham told me he knew personally that Edsel Ford's little girl had a playhouse which cost $12,000.-00. Imagine it, if you can. I knew a lady who is an active church worker who had 15 pairs of shoes. Of course she is just one of thousands who have equally as many or more. It is a good thing for some folks that some things are rationed. But people continue to throw away money in face of the cold and grim reality, while the heathen are dying for the want of the glorious gospel of our Christ. I visited the cemetery in Havana, and was told by the guide that up to the year 1941 there had been spent on that cemetery the staggering sum of $29,000,000. One statue cost $75,000.00. And the poor natives of Cuba dying in sin and without God. Somebody is responsible.

I really believe we fail God many times, and are a disappointment to Him by our putting too much money into the material things of the church. I love a nice church structure, and nice church fixtures, it is true, but let us not forget that the expressed and direct purpose God has in us as a church is that those in sin and unbelief may hear of His Son's power to save. I think we are justified in putting nothing into or onto a church that will not serve directly that purpose; that is the spreading of the gospel. All church members should feel themselves as God chosen missionaries. Jesus wants sinners to become acquainted with Him through you. He wants you to use your means in sending the message of love to the lost. Do you waste money which God permits to fall into your hands that otherwise might be used to convey the word of truth to those who are in the darkness of sin? Let me prevail with you to take heed to your sin of wastefulness. Turn some of that money into our foreign missions treasury, and as a result of it some poor little boy or girl in some distant land will hear the story of Jesus. Your soul will be made happy when you become conscious of the fact that you are having a direct part in getting the message of salvation to the lost.

Many of our people are giving wonderfully, but oh we have so many who are so well able to give and could give if they would. What a help it would be to our great missionary program. Cuba and India, and in fact the whole world is calling for our help, I mean spiritual help. Cuba is challenging us almost beyond expectation. Some of these days the doors will reopen to India. When they do, let us be ready to move. Come on and become one of those who are loyal and regular givers to our great denominational missionary effort.

All for Christ who is the Christ for all.

Winford Davis, Treas

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SCHOOL NEWS

There was a period in history known as the "Dark Ages." This was a period when very little progress was made. There were a few progressive people who lived then, but things in general were in a slump. About the beginning of the 16th century there was an awakening. The bonds of ignorance and superstition were broken and the world enjoyed progress and enlightenment. We might say the Roman Catholic Church, which had kept the doors of opportunity shut, was forced to open them and the world came to itself through the ministry of such men as Luther and Malanchthon.

For many years our church might have compared favorably with this period known as the "Dark Ages." We were inactive in denominational enterprises. We were carrying on no missionary or educational activities. There were a few among our members who were progressive, but were never able to bring about an awakening. But, if it is true that there was this period in the history of our church that compared favorably with the Medieval period in the history of the world, it is then no less true that our Church is experiencing a renaissance. This is true in every department of our work, however, we wish to think just now particularly of the educational phase of our work.

On September the 15th, we began class work in our own Free Will Baptist School. We had a small group of students on the opening day. (But may we say that the number has gradually increased.) By October

13, God had so wonderfully blessed in a financial way that we held the dedication service and retired the indebtedness. All through the first semester we were conscious of the blessings of the Lord. Then came the second semester. We are glad to say we did not lose a student at the end of the first semester, but had a fifty percent increase. However, because of the war and other unavoidable circumstances some have had to drop out, so that we have fourteen enrolled now.

We are busy now making preparations for next year. A school bulletin is being prepared which will contain announcements for the next school year, as well as a description of the courses. We hope to have this ready in the very near future to mail out to all prospective students.

Prospects are bright for our school both from the financial and student standpoint, it is very likely we will have as many as we can accommodate next year. We are already mailing applications for next year to students who definitely plan to come. It will be wise for anyone planning to come to let the school know of your plans as far in advance as possible. From the financial side we can certainly express our most hearty thanks to all who are so loyally and liberally supporting the school. The annual endowment plan has met with the most hearty response. Wherever this plan has been introduced, it has taken well with the people. There is one particular church that one of our students, Rev. Damon Dodd is pastoring, that is worthy of special mention. Bro. Dodd pastors Loyal Chapel Church at Columbia, Tennessee, which has a membership of 79 and is about three and a half years old, this one small congregation is paying into the school $53.50 each month, through the annual endowment system. It might be said by some that this is the only thing the church is doing, but this is not so, for they are raising money to build a new church as soon as the government will allow. This instance is cited to show the possibilities that lie within our denomination. We have great cause to rejoice over the financial response from our people.

May the school again express its thanks to every loyal Free Will Baptist who is making the school possible. It gives just cause for rejoicing to know that, in a world of confusion and disorder, there are those who are still interested in the cause of righteousness. May the blessings of God rest upon everyone who is making this great work go forward.

L. C. Johnson, President

OUR GREATEST NEED TODAY

To my mind, there are two things which we need above every other need. First, a better understanding of God's Word; and second, the spirit of Christ.

We know too much about some of the things of the world. We worry about how we are going to keep up with every new thing that is going on today. Due to this condition, when we go to church on Sunday, we cannot get our minds on what the minister is trying to tell us. The reason is the fact that we let other things claim our attention. To me this is a sad situation, but it is nevertheless true with a large number of people. Too many people fail to have the spirit of Christ in their hearts to be able to listen to the minister's message.

Most of the preachers that we poor people have as pastors have to spend too much of their time in making a living by other means to support themselves and their families, they do not have the time to prepare their messages as they should. They are not able to go deep in the Bible and bring out those new things needed today for our spiritual good. We need to grow not only in grace but also in spiritual knowledge.

Farmers do not carry on their farming business like they did thirty or forty years ago. The reason is they have been studying better ways of farming. They have acquired better understanding of the farming business.

It seems to me that it is time for the church to awake to the fact that ministers need to give more of their time to the study of God's Word. They need to pray more. Think, if you please, what we are having to do to win the war, and how little we are giving to the work of the ministry. In Romans 8: 9, we find the two great needs; "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Some go to church looking for the Spirit of Christ, but you know as well as I that we do not find but little of the Spirit of Christ in the church today. The question arises in my mind, How are we going to have the Spirit of Christ? The answer is, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ." We must think on spiritual things, if we would have God's blessed Spirit in our hearts.

Rev. Floyd L. Harris,
Kinston, N. C.

ALL THRO' THE YEAR

The world's a weary place,
For him who tries to face
His tasks alone.
But he who looks above,
Will see the God of love
Is always swift to move
Among His own.

And so I wish for thee
The vision clear to see,
A presence near;
That every hour of night
And all the days of light,
May with God's love shine bright
All thro' the year.

—Anonymous

CONFIDENCE

I do not know, I cannot see,
What God's hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze,
Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,
A hand divine hath set my bound,
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King.
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

—Anonymous

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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SUPERANNUATION

I am so happy to know that superannuation has for the past few years been recognied as an important factor in our denomination. Personally, I think it is one of the greatest phases of work we have in our church. Had it not been for our Superannuated ministers and those who have passed on, we would have no denomination today.

They did as much sacrificing and hard laboring to lay the foundation of our church, as the Pilgrims did in laying the foundation of our country. Many times they have walked miles to preach repentance to lost souls. The most of us middle-age people were converted under their preaching. If they led us to Christ, surely they have done more for us than any one else can do. They gave the best part of their lives in the service for Christ, with faith believing He would take care of his own.

Due to the fact that our denomination never paid a living salary to any of them, they were not able to lay up for the days when they became too feeble to work. Many times they have been called on for weddings, to pray for the sick and to preach funerals and had to pay their own expense. I have even known of some who have had to pay telephone calls to do these favors for people. Yes, they and their families have made great sacrifices for us. What have we done for them? Let us examine ourselves and if we are not satisfied with what we have done for them, let us do something about it. I am asking each aid society in the Cen. Aux. Con. to make a donation of 12c per member before March 25th, and mail your report to me. We want 100 per cent cooperation at our Convention. It can be done, let's do it. Who will be first?

Mrs. Otto C. Merritt,
Sixth Vice-President,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

FREE UNION AID REPORT

On Wednesday afternoon, March 10, the Free Union Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. D. G. Windley for its regular monthly meeting.

The hymn, "He Leadeth Me," was used for opening the business session, followed by prayer by Mrs. W. T. Windley. The scripture lesson was taken from Matthew, 24th chapter, and was read by the president and discussed by some of the members.

There were nineteen members present, and four new members were added to the roll, making a total of twenty-three in attendance. Dues to the amount of nine dollars and seven cents ($9.07) were collected. A few members paid several months in advance.

At the January meeting, a pattern was handed out to each member for bed quilt squares. Each lady was asked to make at least one square, and then to see how many she could get to contribute. The purpose of this campaign being to swell the building fund which is to be for Sunday School rooms. This drive has been very successful so far. There were only fifteen squares turned in. The public was very generous and the building fund was increased by forty-one dollars and thirteen cents ($41.13). When the other squares are brought in, we hope to have a happy surprise. The lady who brings in the largest amount of money will earn the quilt. It is a close race at this time between two members; namely, Mrs. W. T. Windley and Mrs. J. A. Woodard.

The next business was that of electing delegates to the Ladies Auxiliary convention which convenes with Sidney Church on April 8. Those elected were Mrs. W. T. Windley and Mrs. L. V. Keech, with Mrs. Edgar Paul and Mrs. Jas Webster as alternates.

After adjournment and benediction by Mrs. Wm. Webster, the hostess served delicious refreshments. Mrs. W. T. Windley extended an invitation to meet with her in April.

Miss Alice Webster, President,

Mrs. Wm. Webster, Secretary

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SHADY GROVE AID REPORT

Our Aid held its monthly meeting at the church on March 4, 1943. After the usual devotional exercises were over, the program in the Year Book of Programs was discussed. Mrs. M. E. Godwin had charge. Mrs. Kirby West and Mrs. Crayton Jernigan gave the discussion. It was very interesting to everyone.

Following is a report of the business:

Members present	11
Visitors present	1
Amount of Dues paid	$2.56
Money raised from quilts	$8.00
Missions	.50

Disbursements

Red Cross	$2.00
For Windows in the Church	5.00
Christian Education Fund	1.00

Activities

Sick visits made	38
Trays	1
Floral designs	1
Value of supplies to orphanage	$6.65
Milk given (gal.)	9
Chapters read	310

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Secy.
Route 1, Dunn, N. C.

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THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Jesus was tried and tested by Satan in the wilderness. He said to Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4: 4). Jesus could have made bread very easily, however, out of the stones on the ground before him.

Satan offered Jesus as He stood on the mountain top, all the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down to him and worship him, but Jesus, who was so kind and full of grace, looked at Satan straight in the face and said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

In the holy city of Jerusalem, Satan commanded Jesus to cast himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple, and let the angels care for Him, lest He should dash his foot against a stone, but Jesus did not care to share in such a spectacular affair. He defeated Satan right then without delay. He would not show His power and authority before the people in any such spectacular way, nor to listen to Satan's words. He said to Satan, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

May we cleanse our hearts from within, and strive to be like Jesus the Son of the true and living God. Let us remember Jesus was tempted in all points as we, yet without sin. Read Matthew 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 12-13; and Luke 4: 1-13.

Mrs. J. E. Chappell, Jr.,
Hobgood, N. C.,
Route 1.

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PROGRAM

This is the program for the Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention which is to be held with Sidney Church on Tuesday, April 1, 1943.

THEME: Some needs for the present hour.

Morning Session

10:30—Opening hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King"
—Prayer
—Devotional, "To whom shall we go?"—John 6: 68.
—Duet by Mrs. William Webster and Mrs. Arthur W. Rhem
—A Talk—Return to the Principles of Christian Living.—Joel 2: 12-13, by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Revival of Prayer Power—John 14: 13, by Mrs. Edwin Roper
—Remember the Sabbath Day to keep It Holy.—Exodus 20: 8, by Mrs. William Webster
—Song, "Trust and Obey"
—Message, The Church Preparing Itself for Post-War world, by Rev. W. A. Hales
—Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
—Announcements
—Benediction
12:30—Lunch hour
1:30—Opening song, "I Need Thee Every Hour" and prayer
—Business period and report of vice-presidents
—Report of treasurer
—Report of Finance and Appropriation Committees
—Report of Nomination Committee
—Election and installation of officers
—Miscellaneous business
—Devotional, "The Lord is my
—Shepherd, Luke 15: 4-7; Isa. 53: 6, by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Solo, "The Ninety and Nine," by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Benediction

Mrs. Olive Willoughby,
Mrs. D. H. Furlough,
(Miss) Alice Webster,
Program Committee

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MACEDONIA LADIES AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Circle No. 1, met at the home of Mrs. Nettie Ipock on Thursday evening, February 24, 1943 at 2:30 o'clock. The meeting was opened by the president reading a part of the 11th chapter of Hebrews followed by prayer by Mrs. Lena Gaskins. The roll was called with 11 members present and 3 new members.

Business was discussed. It was decided to save our Sunday egg money for the month of March to give to missions. Mrs. Clyde Spruill and Miss Loney McLawhorn were appointed delegates to the Convention, which is to be the 25th of March.

Financial Statement

Brought over from Jan.	$30.32
Dues collected	2.20
Broom money	4.20
Rainy day pennies	1.24
Total	$37.96
Paid out for Brooms	9.87
Balance in treasury	$28.09

Activities

Sick visits	55
Florals	1
Trays	4
Chapters read	70

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Eva Whitford on Thursday evening, March 24, 1943, at 2:30 o'clock. As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. James McLawhorn,
Corresponding Secretary

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DAWSON GROVE AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Society of Dawson Grove wishes to make its annual report.

Amount collected for year	$71.20
For Dues	39.88
For Birthdays	4.41
For Penny-A-Day	26.91
Amount paid out during year	$60.00
To Missions	$10.00
To Conventions	7.00
To Orphanage	5.00
For Revival Expenses	5.00
For War Bond	18.50
For Literature	3.00
For Insurance	8.50
To Superannuation	2.00
To Needy Ministers	3.00

Number of chapters read in Bible	1257
Number of sick visits	173
Flowers given to the sick	19
Trays taken to the sick	17
No. members active	10
No. members inactive	3

We feel that our work needs prayer from God's people to help us and to keep us going on in faith.

Mrs. F. W. Duke,
President,
Mrs. C. L. Harris,
Assistant Secretary

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CHDISTIAN CHAPEL AID REPORT

The Aid of Christian Chapel met at the home of Mrs. Amos Howard on Saturday night, March 6, 1943. The meeting was opened by the president, and all members present joined in singing hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." We then repeated the Lord's Prayer in concert, and then we sang the song entitled, "Wonderful Words of Life."

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We then had the scripture lesson read, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. We entered next into the discussion of our lesson which was taken from the Year Book of Programs. Reverend Hamilton then gave us a fine talk, after which we had a chain of prayer.

In the business session, the roll was called with 9 members present; 294 chapters read in the Bible; 48 sick visits made; 11 quarts of milk had been given to the needy; 12 hospital visits made; dues collected $1.10. Money collected for the rainy days 74 cents. The business being over, we sang the song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and the benediction was offered, and we were invited to meet next time with Mrs. Rex Howard on Saturday night before the First Sunday in April.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Secretary-Treasurer

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TO ALL 6th VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Please forward your reports to me as soon as possible as to your activities in behalf of the Retired Ministers' Fund. It is necessary that we strive diligently to do every thing possible for this worthy cause, as many of you are, so kindly let me have the reports right away. Our Convention is near at hand, and we have no time to lose.

Thanking each of you, I am,
Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Ed Smith,
140 Pollock St.,
New Bern, N. C.

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NOTICE

This is to notify the local 6th vice-presidents of the Albemarle district, to please send me your reports before our Auxiliary Convention, which is to be held with Sidney Church, April 1st. Or be ready to give them to me at the Convention, so that I will be able to give an adequate report on the work we have done for Superannuation.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
District 6th Vice-President

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* — Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* — Greenville, Tenn.

NOTICE TO REFURNISH ROOMS

We have had good response to this campaign and we appreciate your interest in the Home. We still like a few rooms that have not been assigned to any particular organization or person for re-furnishing. We would like for someone who has not been assigned a room to write in for information from the office.

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NOTICE

Please, when you send in remittance, **be sure** to state county, and association or conference as we have several churches by same name, and we want each church to get proper credit. Thank you.

Helen Pittman, Secretary

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ATTENTION! FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA

On March 5, 1943, the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage Movement of the State Association of Alabama purchased the Old Baptist Academy of Eldridge, Alabama. The Missionary Baptist people had spent over $100,000 on this property. They conducted a school there for several years. They lost the property and Walker County bought it for an N. Y. A. School. When the United States government informed them that the N. Y. A. would be called off for the duration of the war, they decided to sell the property.

We bought the property for only $7,000.00 dollars. There are three large buildings on the grounds. It will cost us about $2,000.00 dollars to put them in first class condition for the orphanage, then we will have orphanage property worth around $100,000 dollars. We have arranged to give our Free Will Baptist people seven (7) years in which to pay for the property, but we are hoping our people will finish paying for it this year.

If all of the churches in the State will rally to the cause, like some have already done, we will be able to cancel off the papers held against it by the end of the year. These buildings are made of brick, and there are 45 rooms in them. One building is constructed of rock with six rooms, and a large auditorium in it. Another building has 16 rooms with the first story constructed of rock and the second story is of wood. All three buildings are three stories, and they have the capacity of accommodating 100 children. There is a Junior High School in operation just off the campus of this property. The Board feels that this opportunity is a God send to the Free Will Baptists in the State of Alabama.

Two of our brethren have stated that they are going to deed their property to this Orphanage at their death. On April 23, we are to have an all day work-day there, and we want everyone to come out and help us clean up the buildings. This day was set for this work, being Friday before the Fourth Sunday in April.

Eldridge is about 25 miles west of Jasper, Alabama, and on a good paved road. Please send your offerings to V. C. May, Vernon, Alabama.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Reporter for Trustees,
Cordova, Ala.

P. S.—There is a library in these buildings worth $500, and furniture which is worth also $500.—K. V. S.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40: 31.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I will open on Wednesday night, March 17, 1943, a Free Will Baptist mission at 1503, Fourth Avenue, South Nashville, Tennessee. Services will be held every night at 7:30. I am asking the Christian people to pray for me and the work which I am trying to do for the glory of God.

Elder Colonel Pendleton,
540 Fifth Avenue South,
Nashville, Tennessee

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Union of the Second District of the Central Conference of North Carolina, convened with King's Cross Roads Church, Pitt County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1943. The following ministers were present: D. W. Alexander, R. H. Mason, C. H. Denton, L. W. Humbles, M. A. Woodard, W. B. Nobles, W. A. Dail, M. Joyner, R. C. Wiggs, L. E. Ballard, and licentiate, Heber Joyner, and visitor, R. P. Harris.

The report of the committee on Allocation of Union Meeting Funds was adopted as follows: That we annul all former basis of union funds, and recommend in lieu thereof the following as a basis of allocation: 25 per cent to miscellaneous; 25 per cent to Unified National Program, which embraces the following, Superannuation 10 per cent, Home Missions 20 per cent, Foreign Missions 30 per cent, Bible School 40 per cent; Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex 50 per cent. We further recommend that the above basis of distribution be adopted for the remainder of the union meeting year.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs was welcomed as a full member of this union. Mrs. Ethel Moye made a splendid report on Education. She conducted the song services, after which she was assisted by Rev. R. P. Harris in bringing us some splendid music. We had splendid talks by Elders D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, C. H. Denton, and L. A. Fulford. The union sermon was preached by Rev. L. E. Ballard. He took his text from the seventeenth chapter of John. At noon we were invited on the church yard to a long table loaded with good things to eat.

The afternoon session was opened with Levi Humbles leading the devotions. Then we attended to what business claimed our attention. The Finance Committee reported as follows: Union meeting funds $62.10; Needy Ministers' Fund $24; offering for the Orphanage $15.29; Totals $101.39. Paid out as follows: Offering for the Orphanage $15.29; Needy Ministers' $24; to Orphanage $31.50; National Association Program $15.-50; to the clerk $5.00; total paid out $90.87. Balance in the treasury $10.52. There being nothing further to transact, we adjourned to meet with Black Jack Church in Pitt County on Saturday before Fifth Sunday in May, 1943.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

HOME MISSION FUNDS

Beginning Feb. 1st, 1943 to date

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Beaufort Jr. League	5.00
Pilgrims Rest Church	3.50
Woodington Church	5.00
Mrs. Leone Daw	2.00
King's X Roads L. A. S.	2.50
Trent Church	5.00
Bridgeton Miss. Society	2.00
St. Mary's Church (Eastern)	50.00
Antioch Church, Wayne County	8.50
Sound View Church	3.00
Stancils Chapel Church	3.65
Rose of Sharon Church	6.00
Hickory Grove Church	3.00
Beaufort Church	3.00
Edgemont Jr. Dept.	3.00
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Smith's New Home L. A. S.	19.00
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Ayden Church	10.30
Grey Branch Church	5.25
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Black Jack Church	10.00
Black Jack S. S.	3.00
Black Jack L. A. S.	5.00
Black Jack Miss. Society	5.00
Bridgeton Church	12.54
Bridgeton L. A. S.	4.00
Bridgeton Miss. Society	2.00
Bridgeton S. S.	5.00
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Tippetts Chapel Church	3.00
Prospect L. A. S.	2.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	19.00
Rains Cross Roads L. A. S.	5.00
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THE APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION

(Lesson for March 28)

Lesson: John 20: 19-31.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1: 18).

Every effect has an adequate cause. Every fact has a fact behind it that brought it into existence and life. And a fact becomes, in turn, the moving cause of adequate consequences. Napoleon, the mighty leader and conquerer, one day was master of Europe, allotting thrones at his will and pleasure. He was Napoleon the Great. But some months later, he found himself a lonely captive on a rocky islet in the Atlantic. Something must have happened. It did. What was it? The answer is Waterloo. He had met his defeat and the consequences were inevitable.

In the life and history of the Lord Jesus Christ we see an infinitely more sudden and transcendent change. One day He was tried and condemned and nailed to a Cross, where He was left to die in agony and shame. In that dread hour He was forsaken by all His friends, mocked, laughed at, and held in ridicule and contempt by His enemies. He was without any influence whatsoever, and Satan and his forces of darkness and evil must have gloated in triumph at their seeming victory.

But look! Some weeks—hard months—pass into eternity and He is believed on and worshipped as the Son of God by thousands, and they all were Jews. What a miracle!

"My blessed Lord was crucified,
The day was dark, and grief was wide,
For hope was crushed and all seemed vain,
"Ring out the blessed news again!
Oh! bear aloft the strain;
The mighty Lord is ris'n in pow'r,
He died, but not in vain!"

—Selected

II. Lesson High Points

The Lesson Introduced

Christ's life and death would have been in vain, as far as man's salvation is concerned, if there had been no resurrection. He completed His work in the world as man's Redeemer, and the task was fully consummated in His crucifixion. He conquered death by yielding to it, and came out of the tomb as a victorious Conquerer of the destroyer of life—death. The burden of our lesson today is to establish the fact that He did actually and without doubt arise from the tomb a living Christ. Let us consider carefully the evidence of the witnesses who testify for Him.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Stop—Look—Listen

Let us note five noteworthy things in this appearance of Jesus to his disciples: (1) the kind and familiar salutation—**Peace be unto you;** (2) the clear and definite manifestation of himself to them as their risen Lord; (3) the honorable commission which he gave them to become his agents in planting His Church in the world, (v. 21); (4) the breathing upon them the Spirit of God, as a preliminary enduement of spiritual power; and (5) the remittance of **whosoever sins,** by that special power which Jesus entrusted them with, **they would be remitted** or forgiven to them; and **whosoever sins you retain** (you pronounce unpardoned), **they are retained,** not forgiven. Note, this is a special commission granted unto the apostles by their risen Lord. By this power, for example, the Apostle Peter struck Ananias and Sapphira dead, (Ac. 5: 1-10), and Paul struck Elymas blind, (Ac. 13: 6-11).—Advanced Quarterly, (F. W. B.) Read Acts 8: 17-24. Peter Exposed Simon's sin but left the door to repentance open to the sinner.

We should not suspect that Jesus means here to confer upon the disciples the power to forgive sins. He does confer upon them, however, the ability to discern the righteousness of God in the lives of individuals, and He gives them the authority to remind those who are born of the Spirit that their sins are forgiven, and to say to those outside of Christ, **Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish** (Luke 13: 3).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Does It Pay to Miss Church Services?

Thomas missed something by being absent from that first Sunday night meeting of Christian believers.

(1) He missed seeing Jesus. We cannot go long in the Christian life without a new glimpse of our Lord; and we cannot get this view of Him if we refuse to go where He customarily reveals Himself.

(2) He missed the Lord's greeting of peace. There is never peace in a doubter's heart. He is not certain that he has taken the right stand, and he never will be certain unless he comes to the place where he hears the peace-bringing words of the Lord.

(3) He missed the evidence of Christ's resurrection, for Jesus showed His hands and side to the assembled disciples. There was no longer any reason for fear and doubt, but Thomas had not seen this evidence.

(4) He missed the joy that came from the revelation of Christ's presence. Fear, gloom, and discouragement fled from the rest when they saw Jesus. But Thomas was not there to share in the joy.

(5) He missed the expulsion of his fears and the strengthening of his faith. He went on in darkness and doubt. It is quite likely that his fears and doubts increased during the week that followed. For seven days more, nay, until the evening of the next Sunday, his condition remained unchanged. And it was all because he had been absent from the assembly of those who believed on the risen Christ.—Selected.

"What a wondrful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,

Since Jesus came into my heart!"

"I walk with the King, hallelujah,
I walk with the King, praise His Name,
No longer I roam, my soul faces Home,
I walk and I talk with the king."

"Living for Jesus, a life that is true;
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free;
This is the pathway of blessing for me."

EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference convened with Core Creek Church in Craven County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1943. It was opened by song and prayer service which was conducted by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. The moderator welcomed the visitors and organized the union, after which prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Prescott. Rev. James A. Evans made some remarks concerning our Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina. The list of churches was called and twenty-six were represented. Five ministers were present for the meeting. James A. Evans brought the eleven o'clock message. After the sermon dinner was spread on the tables out on the church lawn.

The noon hour being over, the people reassembled in the church for the transaction of business. Mrs. J. C. Griffin gave a favorable report concerning Ruth's Chapel. Brother E. M. Prescott asked if the Sunday School Convention would be called off for the duration of the war or not. A vote was taken for the Convention to keep going. It was announced that the next session of the union meeting would open at ten o'clock, War Time. Please remember this time!

Treasurer's Report

On hand from last union	$ 1.67
Received at this union	95.65
Public collection for the Orphanage	42.00
Total received	$139.32

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 82.00
Home Missions	5.00
Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund	10.00
Nashville Bible School	10.00
To the clerk	5.00
Total paid out	$122.00

Balance in treasury $ 17.32

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union adjourned with prayer. We meet next time with Bridgeton Church in Craven County.

Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator,
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GOLIATH

I couldn't use an elephant,
  With great big ears;
I never liked a crocodile;
  I hardly care for deers!

A roaring lion's quite a thing
  I cannot stand;
And as for grizzly bears, oh my!
  I never would demand!

But dogs are "things" that I could love!
  A nice, good pup!
I'd love to own a puppy dog,—
  I guess I'd eat him up!

For nearly four miles now, as they rode along, they had been seeing advertisements of a circus. Great posters had lined the road on either side. They were plastered against barns, flung from the dead limbs of trees, and draped on fence posts. Each one seemed more startling and thrilling than the last one.

Posters with three foot letters, great splashes of color, pictures of daring men and women diving through hoops of flaming fire, or riding horses, or warding off snarling lions. Finally Davie said to Uncle Timothy:

"Looks exciting, doesn't it?" and watched Uncle Timothy's face. Lots of circuses had come to their home town, but neither Davie nor Debbie had ever gone to any of them. They always had too many other interesting things to do.

"Yes, it does, Davie. And I guess it is rather exciting too."

Davie couldn't tell by the expression on his face whether Uncle Timothy would like to see it himself, or not. So he tried again: "Do they really jump through fire like that?"

"Of course, Davie," answered Debbie, "or else how would they get pictures of them."

Uncle Timothy laughed and said: "Well, to get pictures you really don't need to have a thing actually happen."

"What do you mean?" asked Debbie. "I don't quite understand."

"Well, people can make them up in their minds, and then paint the picture as they think it might happen. They don't really have to see the real thing to draw the picture."

"But do they really jump through hoops of fire?" insister Davie.

"Yes,—I guess they do."

"Hummmm," said Davie.

"What do you mean 'hummmm'?" smiled Uncle Timothy.

"Oh,—just—hummmm," explained Davie.

"That doesn't mean very much," said Debbie, "just 'hummmm.'"

"Well, I mean," began Davie, "I mean—it must be rather nice to see them."

"I wondered how long it would take for you to get around to that, said Davie," and Uncle Timothy threw his head back for a moment and laughed.

"Well," defended Davie, "don't you think it would be rather nice?"

"Well,—Oh well,—in a way, Davie —yes," Uncle Timothy said very slowly, "it is fun to see them, and thrilling, and exciting,—but, well, it's rather empty. It's a poor substitute for something infinitely better, seems to me."

"What do you mean—empty, Uncle Timothy?" asked Davie.

"Well, I don't know whether I can explain it to you. You see,—so much of it isn't real. Many of the things that they do and say are,—well—just sham. They risk their lives, and take the chance of injuring themselves for life—just to entertain people. There's a lot of noise and clash and clatter and shouting—and a riot of color in their costumes—and crowds of people. Everybody gets excited and spends a lot of money (more than they ought to spend) and clap their hands at everything —and then when they get home—piffle—nothing to show for it."

"Oh," said Davie quietly.

"Then, too, if you really want adventure, Davie—true thrills—there's lots of ways of getting them that would amount to something."

"How?" demanded Debbie, while Davie watched some more of the signs go by.

"By serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Being a brave soldier, one that is trustworthy—always at the front of the battle. That's when the real thrill begins. You never know what is going to happen next. It is always something good, something unexpected, and something that makes your heart sing. No matter what happens, when you are in His service, it is all right for He has promised that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Then all the time you are winning trophies to lay at His feet, trophies that no one can steal. They are kept in Heaven for us against that glorious day when we shall meet the Lord Jesus face to face. We don't have to have 'make-believe' adventure—we can have the real thing!"

"Like being a missionary?" suggested Debbie, not knowing exactly why she said it.

"Yes, like being a missionary. But you know, Debbie, to be a missionary you don't have to go to another country."

At the word "missionary" Davie forgot about the signs with their gaudy pictures. "You don't?" he asked.

"No. I guess you would be very surprised if I told you that both of you are missionaries right now."

"We are?" they both asked at once.

"Yes, aren't you in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ? Aren't you telling people about Him? Aren't you giving out tracts and gospels, and helping to make Him known among boys and girls who don't know Him as Saviour?"

Their faces beamed. They both wriggled in their seats. Davie burst out with the thoughts that had been running around in his head. "Then I'm really practicing for Africa right now!"

"You certainly are, old-timer."

"I never thought of that before," said Davie, adding, "but if we want to go to the circus, may we go?"

"It might be nice to see one once," remarked Debbie.

"Well, and do missionaries go to the circus?" asked Davie.

"Sometimes I think," said Uncle Timothy. "You see, it isn't wrong to go. It is just—it isn't all that it promises to be."

"It would be nice to see one—once," repeated Debbie.

"Yes, it would be," agreed Davie, looking eagerly for permission.

"All right," Uncle Timothy announced. "To the circus we go!"

Well, they went to the circus! Debbie and Davie walked around with their mouths open, and their eyes as big as "barrel hoops." They saw the man jump through the ring of fire; they saw the people riding the horses without saddles; they saw the trapeze acts. Elephants, lions, tigers and seals all performed in turn. Then they saw the fat lady, the thin lady and the midgets;—in short, they saw all that there was to see! For more than an hour, they were jostled about in the laughing, shouting, pushing crowds. Their toes were tramped upon; their ribs were poked, and ice cream fell down Debbie's neck. Davie's hair was singed by a fat man's cigar. The pink lemonade tasted very pink; the peanuts lacked freshness, but were clutched tightly in the paper bags; and finally, very tired, very excited, very ready to go back to the trailer, they were piloted to the gate and out into the quiet streets, where a soft cool breeze ruffled their hair, and where the noise and din of the circus was gradually left behind.

"Like it?" questioned Uncle Timothy.

"Yes," said Davie, "yes, I know what a circus is like now."

"Yes," said Debbie, "but I'm awfully dirty, Uncle Timothy."

"You should see your faces," teased their uncle.

"There's the trailer," shouted Davie.

"Oh, I'm glad," echoed Debbie, "I've had enough circus. How tired those circus people must get, doing those things over and over again."

"Weren't they glad and thankful for the tracts and gospels we gave them? Not one of them turned us down," followed Davie.

"Yes, and they listened so politely when Uncle Timothy told them that God loved them. We were real missionaries to them today, weren't we? Davie, we must pray for them too," reminded Debbie in her most serious manner.

"Look, we have company," said Uncle Timothy.

"A dog!" exclaimed Davie.

"A dog!" echoed Debbie.

So it was! A dog! Lying on the running board of the car, dozing in the sun, twitching his ears to keep off the flies was—a dog! He wasn't exactly an Airedale; nor could you say just what he was. His legs were rather short. His ears were somewhat long and droopy. His tail was medium long and bushy. His face looked more Airedale-ish than anything else. When the dog heard their voices, he lifted his head and "smiled." At least Debbie said it was "a smile." Both Debbie and Davie fell in love with him right then and there.

"Can't we keep him?" asked Debbie.

"Why, we found him right on our car. I'm sure he was meant for us!" said Davie. The dog showed himself friendly by gently, lazily licking at Davie's hand.

"But maybe some one owns him, and is looking for him," said Uncle Timothy. "We'll have to find out first. It wouldn't be right just to go off with him without asking."

"But he doesn't look like he belongs to any one. That is—except that he would like to belong to us," coaxed Davie.

"I guess the best place to find out is the police station. We can go now, that is, as soon as Debbie gets unice-creamed. And you Davie,—get your face and hands washed, and then we'll find out. It might be that we can keep him."

The policeman smiled as Uncle Timothy explained about finding the dog and asked if he had been reported lost.

"No, he's not lost. You see, he never did belong to anyone. He came here about a month ago, and we've been putting up with him because he's a friendly fellow. Do you want him?"

"Yes," chorused Debbie and Davie before Uncle Timothy could open his mouth. "Yes, may we have him?"

"You certainly may! He's yours, all yours!" said the policeman.

After thanking the officer three times Davie and Debbie and the dog romped back to the trailer ahead of Uncle Timothy. By the time he arrived they had decided on a name for the dog.

"We're going to call him Goliath," informed Debbie.

"Goliath? Why Goliath?" asked Uncle Timothy with a puzzled look.

"Because we like it," explained Debbie.

"Oh," said Uncle Timothy.

"A circus doesn't last, but a dog does," said Davie hugging Goliath.

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

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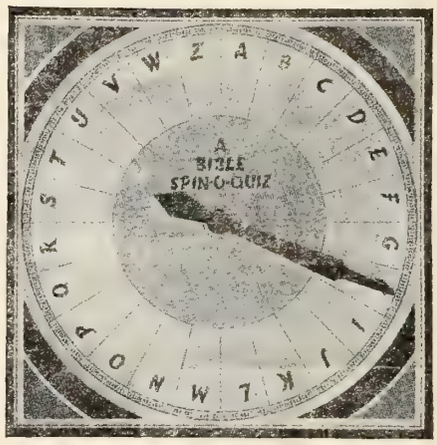

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I have been a member of the W A A C for three weeks and really like Army life. It's a great jump from civilian life, but I find it not too hard to adjust myself. It would help a lot to hear from my Free Will Baptist friends. Won't you write to me?

I have plenty of time to read my Bible and go to Sunday School and church. You would be surprised at the number of girls who read their Bibles morning and night, and attend church twice each week. It's a wonderful sight to see them leave for nine, ten, or eleven o'clock services on Sunday. Without exception, every girl in my company attends at least one of these services on Sunday.

Will you pray for me and my fellow members of the W A A C that we may do our bit in service for our country.

Sincerely,

Aux. Gladys M. Moore
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SIMON THE SORCERER OF SAMARIA

He had been a great wizard of Samaria; but, after his conversion to the Christian faith, he became well known in Christendom. "We find more attention was paid to the later history of this man in subsequent Christian literature than to the history of most of the apostles themselves," says one writer.

"According to ecclesiastical writers he was born at Gitton, a village of Samaria, and was probably educated at Alexandria in the tenets of the Gnostic school. He is first introduced to us as practicing magical arts in a city of Samaria, perhaps Sychar, Acts 8: 5; comp. Jon. 4: 5, and with such success that he was pronounced to be 'the power of God which is called great,' Acts 8: 10."—Smith's Dictionary of the Bible.

When Philip began his preaching in Samaria, "'Many people heeded those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did, For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed" (Ac. 8: 6, 7). As a result of Philip's preaching and healing, many of the people believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and were baptized. Simon the sorcerer believed also. When he was baptized, he went with Philip because he wondered at the miracles and signs which were done by him. But his heart had not been made clean and right in the sight of God, although he claimed to believe and was baptized. He was indeed a hypocrite, and really in "the gall of bitterness and bond of iniquity." God still knew his heart was corrupt, and he would make his false pretense known to the people. Yet an unconverted man, Simon seemed to have been in a good frame—very good and followed Philip around. Many have professed Christ and were baptized, when it was discovered later that they had not been truly converted, as was shown in the case of Simon the sorcerer.

"When the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John" (Ac. 8: 14). According to verse one of the eighth chapter of Acts, the disciples at Jerusalem were all scattered abroad, because of the persecution, "except the apostles." Of this group, Peter and John were sent to Samaria to observe Philip's work there among the Samaritans.

Relative to the purpose of Peter and John being sent, Professor Stokes has said the following: "They were doubtless sent to inspect the work, and see whether the apostolic approval could be given to the step of evangelizing the Samaritans. They had to form a judgment upon it; for no matter how highly we may rate the inspiration of the apostles, it is clear that they had to argue, debate, think and balance one side against another just like other people. It is clear, from the simple fact that controversy and debate held a prominent place in the early Christian Church, that there was no belief in the existence of infallible guides, local and visible, whose autocratic decisions were final and irreversible, binding the whole Church . . . . The apostles duly discharged their mission, and by their ministry the converts received the gift of the Holy Spirit with some or all of those external signs and manifestations which accompanied the original blessing on the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem."

It is our belief that Peter and John went down to Samaria to encourage Philip in the good work begun, to offer any assistance which they might give him, and to strengthen his hands. They being the most prominent members of the apostles, their influence and helpfulness in the work would be of great advantage to both Philip and the new converts. Is it not true that ministers in higher places and of greater esteem, as Peter and John, should seek to be of help to those in lower stations in the gospel ministry? They certainly can contribute valuable information and needed services to their comfort and usefulness in advancing the cause of Christ in the world. As Philip was greatly benefitted in his gospel ministry by Peter and John's advice and assistance, so ministers of less training and experiences in religious work can be helped to great advantage by ministers of broad experiences and greater understanding of the work of the ministry.

GREETINGS FROM ELDER PHILLIPS

Elder E. T. Phillips sends greetings to his many friends through the columns of this issue of the Baptist paper. He will be eighty-six years old on Friday of this week, March 26. His condition remains about the same as usual. He is still confined to his bed all of the time, being unable to sit up or to move about his room at all.

Company is allowed to visit him for short visits, and he greatly appreciates having his friends to call by to talk with him for a short while. He asks an interest in the prayers of the Christian people for him and Mrs. Phillips, and expresses thankfulness unto the heavenly Father for the many blessings of life. He is glad that conditions are as well with him and Mrs. Phillips as can be expected due to his feeble condition.

He and Mrs. Phillips desire that we express their many thanks to the friends who have thought of them in many ways during the past year or since his last birthday. They have received many cards and letters from many of their friends far and near, expressing greetings and showing their interest in them. Unto them they wish to say in a definite way, "We certainly do thank each one of you for your prayers, your kind words, and for every good thing you have done for us. May God greatly bless each one is our prayer."—R. B. Spencer, Editor.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
N. C. State Association

Pleasant Visits

It is always consoling to have others who are congenial towards you and yours as associates. People who are co-operative make a thing pleasant in the doing. This I have found, largely, in my visits to the various churches that I have visited in behalf of the State and National work, with few exceptions, of course. Interest is growing in the educational pictures that I am exhibiting along with the lectures that we are delivering on the Six-Point Program for North Carolina, which program reaches out and welds itself to the National, in that a part of the message concerns the "Unified Program" and which program receives 25 percent of the funds collected; and with the Unified program, the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., shown in pictures and accompanied with lecture. Yes, it is a pleasure to get co-operation and pleasant words. Well they are coming our way. Praise the Lord.

Churches Visited Recently

Recently, we have visited Shiloh, St. Paul's, (Elizabeth City) and Free Union, Beaufort County. Brother W. E. Hales is the pastor of the St. Paul's church. The weather was bitter cold-freezing—that night at St. Paul's, but the heart of the people was warm, of course many did not attend because of the cold. Brother Hales and his people said good things about the work. Brother Duffy Toler is the good pastor of Shiloh and Free Union and the people were prepared to meet us. The welcome was very cordial.

Sunday night, the 14th inst., we were privileged to be with the people of St. Mary's church, here in New Bern, who had extended us an invitation a good while ago, through their pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett, along with personal invitations from our friends, but we were only able to get to them at this late date. The reception was perfectly grand. They too, were prepared to receive us.

But of all the thrills and real joys that we get is when we go to the Orphanage at Middlesex. We were there on the 17th inst. Well, the children and the whole staff of matrons and officers—the whole family showed their appreciation for the work, even seeing the orphanage picture which some of them had seen before. Along with the Orphanage family, Bro. N. E. Strickland and family of Stony Hill church were with us and showed their interest.

Thank the Lord that we have the blessed assurance of VICTORY in all that we do in THE NAME OF JESUS, and we see the blessing coming more as people are brought face to face with their responsibilities and privileges which facts we are endeavoring to place before the church in our work.

The First Point of the "Six-Point Program" Went Over Well

Home Missions, the first point in the SIX-POINT PROGRAM, went over in good shape. Of course it could have been better, but we are happy because of the success. Brother James A. Evans reports $334.00, and more letters with receipts were on his desk when we left the Orphanage the 18th. This is co-operation. God is blessing. People who do not get in on the "SIX-POINT PROGRAM" will miss their share of God's blessings. Yes, we are going, and going to go stronger, by the grace of God.

The Second Point

April is the month set aside as Foreign Mission month and is second on the calendar—not second in worth and value—but second as placed on the program. Remember that we want to do the work in God's way. Let's pray much about Foreign Missions between now and the first Sunday in April and let's go to the "Offering Altar," and make an offering right out of the depths of our hearts for the Lord's work in the foreign field. Let's get filled with the "Go Ye Command" of the Lord Jesus and then we CANNOT be satisfied to sit idle and use our money on self, when others are in darkness and death. Let us sing "Send the Light" and know of the truth that it takes money to send the Light of Christ. The quicker we learn it, and do it, the quicker our "cup will run over" with joy. Let's start the very first day of April to lay aside (gather together) and along with our offering of money offer our heart's devotion to Almighty God and His Son, the Lord Jesus, for the marvelous "GRACE OF GIVING."

The Ladies Auxiliaries of N. C.

Now in a few days, in fact before you read these lines, the Eastern Auxiliary of North Carolina will have convened, which time is the 25th inst. Then the Central convenes the 31st, the last day of March, at Little Creek church in Greene County. Then the Albemarle on the First day of April, at Sidney church in Beaufort County. We do not have at our command the stated dates and places of other conventions at this time, but what we want to say, is that, "The women are leading in the field of Missions and Stewardship" in our church, and those who attend these conventions, and those who are active in the auxiliary work are the happiest people that I meet anywhere. If you want to see a real happy person you find a woman who is real active in the auxiliary work of the church.

Praise the Lord for the work that the women are doing in the Free Will Baptist church. I feel sure that all of the Auxiliary conventions will remember FOREIGN MISSIONS, and make a good liberal donation at the oncoming sessions to be applied on the APRIL OFFERING for this great cause of Christ. As a Christian and as the State Field Secretary of North Carolina, I am praying that "WE WILL EXCEL ANYTHING EVER IN OFFERINGS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL." Amen.

P. S. Since placing our manuscript into the mail, we received a letter from Brother Chester Pelt, saying "Miss Bessie Yeley, our returned missionary, from South America, can be in North Carolina during the month of May. She asks us to arrange for her an itinerary for that month." This itinerary should be published by the first of April if pos-

sible. To the churches and ministers who desire to have Miss Yeley visit your church, I urge that you write me by return mail, upon the reading of this note.

Bro. Pelt, says that he wants her to start at the Edgemont church the first Sunday in May at 11:00 o'clock, and she is to be with Bro. Fred Rivenbark the same day in the evening service. Then she wishes to travel East. So again, I say, let me hear from you at once, as to the visit of Miss Yeley.

Write me, 240 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, or call Phone 528-J.

THE GOLD INLAY

In a dentist's office, whenever an inlay is to be made, the filling is first made of wax, then it is invested in a mold with investment compound and put in a brass container known as an inlay ring. The inlay ring is then heated over a gas burner and left there until all the wax is burned out. The dentist then takes a piece of gold and melts it with a combination of oxygen and gas, and by the use of a casting machine, the place left empty by the wax is filled with the gold. The investment, which is now black and dirty, is removed, and the perfect gold filling is revealed. It is then washed in acid.

Does not this illustrate our lives as Christians? We are born in sin and selfishness and are weak in ourselves, as was the wax filling, but God is trying us in this world of sin, and is testing us in the furnace of affliction, that all the selfishness may be burned out of our lives, enabling us to be filled with His glory, as the empty space left by the wax was filled with the pure gold.

The gold, too, must pass through the fire, and it took a far greater heat of gas and oxygen to melt the gold in order that it might enter the empty space left by the burned out wax. So Jesus Christ also suffered, being made perfect through the things which He suffered, but He suffered far more than we suffer for His sake, for He endured Calvary that He might make possible the infilling of our lives with His Holy Spirit.

Some inlays are left in the fire longer than others, so many Christians suffer greater afflictions for the Lord's sake. But some day we shall see that our lives will shine like the gold inlay, after it has been perfectly molded.—Anna Cederlund Kurkowske, in The King's Business.

Moody Monthly.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

By Private Ira S. Turlington,
Bat'y. B, 5th C. A.
Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.,
Former Assistant Pastor to
Rev. J. C. Moye of Greenville,
North Carolina

Friends, a subject has been dwelling on my heart that I feel I should pass on to you.

Although I am only a youth, I have been reading and studying the Bible since I left my Mother's knees. Many were the times that I sat on the floor around the fireside, and listened to the story of Jesus, told only as my Mother can tell it. Yes, I was raised, thank God, in a Christian home, and I believe in Jesus.

Some people who do not understand the Word of God, wonder, "Why Should We Pray?" I know only my own convictions, which are satisfied when I kneel to pray to the Father who does understand. I can't kneel and pray for only the things that I want, for my heart is burdened for the ones who are afflicted in sin and troubled in body.

My friends, I say, pray because you love Jesus. Pray because you have something that man cannot take away. Pray because you are thankful to God who has and will continue to supply your every need.

I have been in the Army now since October 26, 1942. I have been in many different places, and the boys in service all look for one thing—Victory through Christ Jesus. It is true, some are unbelievers, but thanks be to God, His truth is self-evident. It is true, men falsely accused Him, but today there is no difference as to the way of Christ than yesterday. They either believe and serve Him, or they are defiled with the Devil with unbelief.

My friends, I say, pray to God for victory of our cause, which is the cause of Christ Jesus. We are fighting to keep the right to read that external Word, and win we shall, for in the Word of God He Himself says, "All this world shall pass away, but my word shall NOT pass from the earth."

In ending this short, but true letter to my friends in the Free Will Baptist church, I say, pray for me, and may God bless everyone of you.

P. S.—For those who know me, I sign this just—Steve.

PRAYER AND FAITH

By Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any" (Mk. 11: 25). In the context of the foregoing text, we are told that **Faith** must be exercised as the moving principle in true prayer. There is no position we may bring our bodies in that will put us in position to pray unto God unless the heart is first brought into the right spirit of prayer, and we realize our dependence in the sight of God. You will see from the text that Christ did not object to people standing while offering prayer, although He does make it clear that unless we forgive our fellow-men of their trespasses, God will not forgive ours. This is further proof that salvation is of individual birth of the Spirit in the heart and the inner life of the person so blessed, and not by mass or the group.

If you will read the ninth verse of the fourth chapter of Romans, you will see that **Faith** was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. This shows that **Faith** is and has always been a moving principle in the lives of God's children. We read in the holy scriptures that without **Faith** it is impossible to please God. So, if we have been born again, and keep the **Faith**, then we shall receive the reward of eternal life when the victory has been won. But it must be won through the atonement of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

Let one and all, therefore, that know Him be ready to point sinners the way to Christ and His atonement.

The Sunday School Exchange

Edited By L. E. BALLARD, *Publicity Director*
N. C. Sunday School Convention
Greenville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

By L. E. Ballard, Publicity Director

For the past month or two people have been asking "Is the State Sunday School Convention going to meet this year?" Well, for awhile the Executive Board hardly knew just what was best to do about the meeting, in view of gas and tire shortages, etc., but finally a compromise agreement was reached which provides for a one day session of the Convention-Institute, in which will be packed as much as possible for the kind of things our Sunday Schools most need at this time. The theme of the meeting will be "Daring to Defy Difficulties," and the whole program is to be builded around the war-time problems of the Sunday Schools.

The Place and Time

The Convention will meet with the church at Winterville, of which the writer is pastor, this progressive church having enthusiastically invited the meeting. Both pastor and people are looking forward to a great day, and preparations are being made by the church to give all who come a good day, so far as entertainment is concerned. This church has a splendid Sunday School, but has the ambition to improve, and the people are looking forward to receiving benefits from the meeting of the convention. The time is **Friday, April 23rd,** beginning with registration at 9:00 A. M.

The Program

The full program of the Convention-Institute will be published in these columns next week, but we want to mention briefly some of the "high peaks" here. There will be three forum periods during the day on the following subjects "Facing the Wartime Problems of the Sunday School," "What the Sunday Schools Can Do for their Young People in the Service," and "The Second Year's Work in the Three Year Program of Progress." The Convention Sermon will be on the Subject "The Challenge of Difficulties." Then, too, there will be a little drama "Crippled Joe and the Sunday School," designed to impress in a visable manner the theme of the Convention upon all. We are saving the names of speakers, directors of the forums, etc. as a surprise next week! The committee has tried to select carefully from the lists of persons available for these various parts, and all persons selected have been interviewed, and have pledged their "best."

Watch the pages of **The Baptist** for the next four weeks, as we plan to have an informative article or story in each issue until the week of the convention. Look for the program next week, and clip it, or preserve your copy for future reference. Also, if you are a S. S. Superintendent, or member of a Sunday School Council, please see that the matter of your S. S. representing is considered at the earliest possible time. Some practical suggestions for forming travel parties for the trip to the convention will be given in subsequent articles. May we say "See you at Winterville on April 23rd?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS WORTHWHILE

We are confident that deeds of heroism are more likely to be accomplished by those who have a conviction that their Redeemer liveth. It is the conviction of a many-mansioned home, the assurance of the Master's "well done," and the fellowship of the redeemed which put a stout heart under the ribs of death. Canon Hague tells of a chaplain who was ministering to a dying boy in the last war. He asked him if he had any message for his mother.

"Yes," he said, "tell her I am dying happy."

"Anything else?"

"Yes. Write to my Sunday school teacher."

"What shall I say?'

"Tell her I died a Christian, and I have never forgotten her teaching."

A few weeks later the chaplain received a letter from this Sunday school teacher. It went something like this:

"God have mercy upon me. God have mercy upon me. Only last month I resigned from my Sunday school class for I felt that my teaching was doing no good; and scarcely had I, through my cowardly faithless heart, given up my appointed work than I got your letter telling me that my teaching had been the means of winning a soul to Christ. I am going back to my rector at once to tell him that I will try again in Christ's name and I will be faithful to the end."—Church School Promoter.

SEQUEL TO SALVATION SPURNED

From her own dying bed an aged woman said to me, very solemnly, "Pastor, I am afraid that my husband sold himself to the devil forty years ago." And then she told me one of the saddest stories I have ever heard. She said that at that time he was very much moved about his own soul. His pastor and many others came to see him and begged him to give himself to Christ and accept Him as his Saviour. She herself pleaded and prayed with him. But he was a member of the state legislature, and he said to her one night, "Wife, I have a scheme to carry through the legislature. It would not do for me to carry that scheme through if I were a Christian man. I am going to see it through, and then I will repent and accept Christ as Saviour." He carried the scheme through; but as she said to me, **from that day he had never apparently had any desire to be a child of God.**—Arthur T. Pierson.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

Since I asked for a card from the readers of "Jots and Dots" in a previous issue of the Baptist paper, I have received several requests, one as far away as Chicago, Illinois, asking me to continue my articles in the paper.

I should like to make this statement, I am a farmer, and am trying to grow a "Victory" crop. I am liable, therefore, to get too busy to write regularly, but will try to get an article in occasionally, during the spring and summer. Many thanks for the compliments that have been paid to my articles.

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"Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5: 22). We see quite a few people who abstain, or keep away from many things that appear evil, but we see some others who do not seem to be able to draw a line between the evil appearing things and the non-appearing evil things. Now, if we are to be able to fully discern between the two, we can find the answer to that problem by daily searching the scriptures.

Christ himself said, "Search the scriptures" etc. I think when we do that we will soon be able to tell all the different appearances of evil, for we are to abstain from ALL—not just a part of them. I should like to mention just one of those evils. I have been, for example, around a few filling stations and cross-road stores where there were a crowd of men gathered. The smutty jokes and yarns which they were telling appeared to be evil to me. I suppose half of the store crowd could not have told how many spies went to search out the land of Canaan, or how many times the children of Israel marched around the city of Jericho before the walls fell. I will tell you, they marched around thirteen times, (Josh. 6: 3, 4, 14, 15).

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"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5: 9). I am aware of the fact that some people preach and teach that we cannot do a thing toward gaining salvation, but what are we to do with the passage of scripture which says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling?" From this scripture, it looks to me that we have some work to do. We are to believe, repent and be baptized. Therefore, let us not sit on the stool of "do-nothing" and wait for the Lord to do everything. He has already done his part.

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"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32). I believe Christ referred to his crucifixion when He said, "lifted up from the earth," and I truly believe each person, sometime in his life, has felt the love of Christ drawing him in closer fellowship with Christ. But too many of them are too stiff-necked to yield completely to His loving, drawing power. We know, for example, that there is a drawing power in the North which draws the compass needle, and because of this fact, the sailors can sail the ocean the darkest night and go straight to port.

If we will let Jesus draw us along our voyage, then we need not have any fear, for He will guide us aright, and safely into the fair haven of rest. In speaking of Christ drawing us to Him, I wonder how many people know how dangerous it is to resist His drawing power? The Apostle Paul said, "Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5: 19). Some may say the Spirit is not Christ, and that is true, but it is true that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all three agree. Therefore, if you resist one of them, you are guilty as if you resisted all three of them. Then, if you feel Christ drawing you to Himself, do not pull back.

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Paul says in First Thessalonians, "Pray without ceasing." We do not have to be on our knees all the time to pray, for the New Testament speaks of prayer, "when we stand praying," and that was not where the Pharisees and publicans prayed in the Temple, either.

We certainly can have our petitions going up to the throne of grace whether we are at work, standing up or sitting down. If the heart is right with God, I do not think our position makes so very much difference. Read Acts 12: 5 to 11, and see what happened by the unceasing prayer of the church. I am thinking, if we could have seen those church members around some cross road, we would have known they were church members without being told so by someone else. If ALL of our church members were like the early church members, I think we could remove mountains of difficulty out of our way. We could pray the way out of existence. The drink problem would soon be a thing of the past, and many other things would be accomplished for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind.

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"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, . . . " (Heb. 12: 1). Preachers, do you know that there are a great many witnesses watching you? The Apostle Paul may have been referring to the church members, but that word WE could easily mean the clergymen or preachers, for I know that worldly people are watching the preachers, perhaps not so closely as did the Pharisees and the Jews watch Christ. It is "pie" in some sinner's hand to find a fault in the preacher. Now, the preacher and the layman, too, can follow Paul's advice. They can lay aside every weight.

We could not well win a footrace with a lot of excess baggage to carry along. Of course, I think Paul knew that all do not have the same besetting sins, for he said THE SIN, which doth so easily beset us. This signifies, let us think, that each person, or different persons were not led astray by the same sin. So, you had better watch out for the "besetting sin."

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

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SOUL WINNING—THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

This is the general topic for the "Week of Prayer Programs" of the Women's Auxiliary preceding Easter. Below is the first message in a series which we are to study for this "Week of Prayer."

THEME: Soul Winning A Command. Jesus a soul winner. Scripture: Jon. 4: 7-29; Mk. 16: 15; John 20: 21.

We find in this chapter that Jesus left Judea after preaching and teaching, and He departed again into Galilee. While returning to Galilee, He went through the city of Samaria where was the well that Jacob had dug and given to Joseph. Jesus came to this well-known well, and being tired and weary, He sat down to rest. This was about the sixth hour. His disciples had gone away to buy bread.

While Jesus was resting, a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water, and Jesus said unto her, "Give me to drink." This woman was astonished, because the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. She boldly asked Him why He asked her for drink. Jesus replied that if she knew who He was who asked her for water, she would ask drink of Him, and He would give her "living water" that she might not thirst again.

We find in this story that Jesus was a soul winner. He approached this woman in a most friendly manner. The woman then said unto Jesus, "Sir, I have nothing to draw with and the well is deep, from whence then hast thou that living water?" Jesus replied, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever drinketh of the water that I give shall never thirst again." Here Jesus was telling the woman of the everlasting life which He had come to earth to give. She asked Jesus for this water, but Jesus had to get closer to this woman's heart, so He said, "Go call thy husband." She replied, "I have no husband." Jesus replied, "Thou hast indeed had five husbands, and now the one thou hast is not your husband."

The woman then thought Jesus was a prophet, but Jesus began to tell her of the Father, though she did not understand at first, and He said that He was the true Messiah. Then she believed on Him, and went away and told others of Jesus. Here we find that Jesus won this woman's soul, and then she began to tell others of Jesus, and so Jesus won many souls through and by telling this woman about salvation.

Even when He went on to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, and thus Jesus was to win souls. We learn that his disciples were astonished because Jesus had spoken to this Samaritan woman, but Jesus said that He was here to do the Father's will. We as Christians in our auxiliary work are to do as this woman did in telling others of Jesus. Jesus has commanded us to be soul winners. He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16: 15). Here is God's challenge to us as individual Christians to be soul winners in all that we do. May we become soul winners for Christ.

Then said Jesus unto them again, "Peace be unto you, As my Father hath sent me even so send I you" (John 20: 21). Here is another command for us to go and seek after lost souls. Jesus said, "As my Father sent me, send I you." God sent His Son into the world to seek and to save the lost. We as Christians are to seek for lost souls and to do God's will.

Our prayer is that every Christian in all churches will realize through their work that we are setting aside the week preceding Easter as our "Prayer Week." And it is for no other cause than to fulfill the command of our Saviour. The whole purpose is to be soul winners for Christ.

P. S.—More programs will follow: Second, Soul Winning through Personal Contact; Third, Soul Winning through Christian Education; Fourth, Soul Winning through the Printed Page; and Fifth, Soul Winning through Missions.

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HE WILL SUPPLY OUR EVERY NEED

Jesus is able and willing to supply whatever the need in our life is, and friends, if we know not the Lord in His goodness, then we are to take Him as our personal Saviour.

You have a need that is above every other need, and that is your need of the Saviour. He has been provided for you in the person of Jesus Christ. He is God's only begotten Son. He left heaven's glory to come down upon earth for the sins of the world. He went to Calvary to pay our debt of sin, and he hung on the cross between two thieves in your place and mine. God laid upon Him the burden of your sin and mine that we might have eternal life.

Anyone may have eternal life by taking his or her place as a lost sinner next to Christ and let Him wash away his or her sins. By faith they are to accept this Gift of love from the Heavenly Father. Will you take Him today as your personal Saviour? Friends, do not turn Him away, for He wants to give you eternal life. When you accept Him, He will fill your soul with joy, such as you have never known before. He will make you a new creature, a child of God. You will then be an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ your Lord.

Please pray for me.

Mrs. John Rhodes,
Sanatorium, North Carolina

A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Friends:

On February 8, 1943, I received a letter from Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County, and a check for ten ($10) dollars to be placed on the marker for Mr. Styron's grave. I should like to mention also a donation of one dollar for the same from Mrs. Sid Fulghum of the same church, making a total of $11 dollars placed to the credit of these people.

I have sent in the name of each church and individual who have helped on this, and I deeply appreciate the way they have responded. I often heard Mr. Styron say that Marsh Swamp was one of the best pastorates he ever had, and he loved the work there.

Thanking each one for this contribution, and trust you will be rewarded. This offering from your church will help to memorialize his grave for years to come.

Thanking you all who helped in any way, I am,

Very respectfully,
Mrs. S. H. Styron,
Raleigh, N. C.,
128 New Bern Ave.

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THE BARNARD MISSIONARY CIRCLE

On Sunday, February 14, a few of the women of the F. W. B. Church of Williams Hill reorganized our Ladies Auxiliary, which had been neglected for some time. We decided to name our auxiliary in honor of our missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, hoping and trusting that our little work will grow into a large one and accomplish much good.

We enrolled twelve members and elected Mrs. Mable Pope as president of the society. Mrs. Ida Powell was elected as our vice-president, and Mrs. H. C. Simmons as secretary. We had our first meeting on Friday P. M. at 8 o'clock at the church. The weather was unfavorable, but there were seven members present. The dues collected were seventy cents.

Our prsident asked that each member be responsible for some special work during the next month, and see if we can encourage others to join our society. Since we did not have a program book for study, we studied the 25th chapter of Matthew, which we all enjoyed very much. But we now have the Book of Programs, and will have for study the lessons laid down in it from now on.

Our next meeting will be held on March 26, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, at 4:00 P. M. We are asking all Christian people to pray for us that we may be able to accomplish what the Lord wants us to do for His glory and to the good of others.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. H. C. Simmons,
Secretary

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

Our Ladies Aid met on Thursday afternoon, March 11, 1943, with Mrs. R. R. Swain. The meeting opened with song and prayer by Mrs. R. R. Swain. The devotions were conducted by the president who read for the scripture lesson the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew.

A Bible story was related entitled "The Olive Orchid High-Priest." We then had a poem read by Mrs. Nancy Sawyer; the title of it was "Keep on Praying." A Bible quiz was given by Miss Almeta Armstrong. This being the close of the program, the minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved. The roll was called with nine members and one visitor present. The dues collected were $2.20; for furniture polish, 50 cents; for our Orphanage child, $2.50; special offering, 50 cents; total amount received, $5.70.

A motion was passed that we send $20.00 to the Orphanage for our adopted child. The president urged everyone to save coupons for the Orphanage. We made 26 sick visits, and sent 8 trays to the sick.

The meeting closed with song and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

Mrs. R. R. Swain, Cor.-Secy.

ANNUAL AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Society of Powhatan Church held its regular monthly meeting March 11, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Lela Pounds.

Miss Margaret Ellis, our president, called the meeting to order by all singing "The Old Rugged Cross," after which Mr. Vernon Barbour led in prayer. Miss Ellis read the scripture which was taken from Psalm 33: 12-15. Our main topic for study was "Carrying Out the Great Commission in the Homeland."

We enjoyed talks given by Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Jennings Williams, Mrs. Maggie Hodges and Vernon Barbour on "Need for More Laborers," and what we are doing to get more laborers for Christ. A poem, "Hark the Voice of Jesus," was read by Mrs. Sallie Williams.

At the close of the program, we entered into the business session. The Secretary and Treasurer gave a report on the Aid's activities for the past year.

Activities

No. on roll	20
No. active	14
Sick visits made	391
Trays and flowers	62
Qts. milk given away	450
Cards sent	26
Chapters read in Bible	1623
Bibles given away	6
Funeral designs	4
Religious Magazines given away	70

Financial Statement

Money in Treasury, March, 1942	$ 47.25
Dues	16.17
Brooms sold	15.05
Amount collected other ways	41.65
Total	$120.12

Disbursements

Miscellaneous Expense	$12.00
Convention	3.00
For Flowers	2.06
Bible School	2.00
Missions	14.50
Furnishing Room at Orphanage	30.00
Sent to a church for repairs	2.00
Powhatan church for repairs	25.00
Total paid out	$90.16

Balance in Treasury
March, 1943 ----------$30.56

At the close of the business session, we sang, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," after which Mr. Jackson dismissed by a prayer.

Verna Mae Jones, Secretary,
Margaret Ellis, President

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PROGRAM

The Auxiliary Convention of the Pee Dee Conference will convene with Mount Bula Church in Columbus County on April 3, 1943.

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
9:40—Devotional by Mrs. Emma McPherson
9:55—Address of welcome by Mrs. Edna Wright
—Response by Miss Ruth Calihan
10:00—Remarks by President
10:15—Message by Mr. M. M. Stephen
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll call of churches
10:50—Special Music
—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Report of First Vice-President
—Report of Second Vice-President
—Special Music
—Report of Third Vice-President
—Congregational Singing
11:30—Sermon by Rev. A. J. Hucks
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotional by Mrs. Foddie Edwards
1:20—Poem by Inez Graham
—Poem by Veneus Graham
1:25—Special Music
1:30—Address by Rev. W. L. Jernegian
—Reading by Mrs. J. E. Procter
—Report of Fourth Vice-President
—Report of Fifth Vice-President
2:25—Orphanage News by Rev. James A. Evans
2:40—Special Music
—Report of Sixth Vice-President
—Report of Field Worker
—Remarks from visiting delegates
2:55—Business unfinished or new
—Report of Committee
—Report of Treasurer
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

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PROGRAM

Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Association will be held at Pine Level Church, April 7, 1943.

Theme: The Christian Woman in Time of War.

Song: The Women's Hymn—"Come, Women, Wide Proclaim"

Scripture: Judges 4: 8-9

9:45—Registration (at the door)
10:10—Opening devotional
10:25—Address of welcome, Mrs. H. P. Creech
—Response, Mrs. Floyd Morris
10:30—Visiting ministers and delegates recognized
10:40—Reading of minutes
10:55—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Reports from Vice-Presidents and Field Worker
11:30—Orphanage News, Rev. J. A. Evans
11:45—Congregational song
11:50—Message, Rev. L. R. Ennis
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Song and prayer
1:20—The Place of the District Convention in the National Convention, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
1:40—Business
—Report of delegates who visited other conventions
—Appointment of delegates to various conventions
—Report of committees
1:30—Memorial Service, Mrs. James A. Evans
2:45—Adjournment

Note: The District Vice-Presidents along with the Field Worker are expected to bring a written report ready to hand to the Secretary after it has been read to the body.

In co-operation with the War Program to save gas and tires, no executive meeting was held for preparation of the program. However, a copy of a suggested program was mailed to each member of the executive committee along with the request for suggested changes. I wish to thank each member for her splendid co-operation and prompt answer. I trust that each of you will remember to pray daily for those on the program and the one who shall preside.

Again let me urge local auxiliaries to be prompt with your reports, both to the Vice-Presidents and to the Secretary. We are depending on you to send a double donation and your per capita dues.

Mrs. Chester Pelt

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions ------$ .35
(Chas. A. Cook)
Stewardship in the Life of Women ----------$ .50
(Helen Wallace)
The Larger Stewardship ------$ .35
(Chas. A. Cook)
He That Giveth ----------$ .60
(John E. Simpson)
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations -----$ .50
(Frankie Oliver)
Women and the Church --------$ .60
(Louise Novotny)
Talks on Soul Winning --------$ .25
(E. Y. Mullins)
The Plan of Salvation ---------$ .40
(Austin Crouch)
The Open Gate to Prayer ------$ .25
(Mabel N. Thurston)
This World's Goods ----------$ .60
(John E. Simpson)
Missions in the Bible ----------$ .25
(J. B. Lawrence)
Helping Others to Become Christians ----------$ .35
(Roland Leavel)
Missionary Lessons from the Bible ----------$ .35
(Aulck)
Stewardship Parables of Jesus -$ .50
(Roswell C. Long)
Studies in Christian Stewardship -$ .30
How to Pray ----------$ .20
(R. A. Torey)

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Tuesday, April 27, St. Paul, Sampson County.

Wednesday, April 28, Oak Grove, Sampson County.

Thursday, April 29, Shady Grove, Sampson County.

Friday, April 30, Roberts Grove, Sampson County.

Saturday, May 1, Corinth, Sampson County.

Sunday, May 2, Lee's Chapel, Sampson County.

Monday, May 3, West Clinton, Sampson County.

Tuesday, May 4, Sandy Grove, Hoke County.

Wednesday, May 5, Entwistle, Hoke County.

Thursday, May 6, Mt. Moriah, Hoke County.

Friday, May 7, Oak Grove No. 1, Bladen County.

Saturday, May 8, Bethlehem (Holiness), Bladen County.

Sunday, May 9, Hickory Grove (11 o'clock A. M.), Hoke County.

Sunday, May 9, White Oak, Bladen County.

Monday, May 10, Mt. Calvary, Columbus County.

Tuesday, May 11, Beaver Creek, Columbus County.

Wednesday, May 12, Cypress Creek, Columbus County.

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Thursday, May 13, Folkstone, Onslow County.

Friday, May 14, Sneads Ferry, Onslow County.

Saturday, May 15, Mt. Zion, Onslow County.

Sunday, May 16, Pearsalls Chapel, Duplin County.

Monday, May 17, Sarecta, Duplin County.

Tuesday, May 18, Cabin, Duplin County.

Wednesday, May 19, Sandy Plain, Duplin County.

Thursday, May 20, Beulaville, Duplin County.

Friday, May 21, Bethlehem, Duplin County.

Saturday, May 22, Lanier's Chapel, Duplin County.

Sunday, May 23, Long Ridge, Duplin County.

Monday, May 24, Snow Hill, Duplin County.

Tuesday, May 25, Rooty Branch, Duplin County.

Wednesday, May 26, Piney Grove, Duplin County.

Thursday, May 27, Indian Springs, Wayne County.

Friday, May 28, Grant's Chapel, Wayne County.

Saturday, May 29, Northeast, Wayne County.

Sunday, May 30, May's Chapel, Wayne County.

Monday, May 31, Goldsboro, Wayne County.

Tuesday, June 1, Casey's Chapel, Wayne County.

Wednesday, June 2, LaGrange, Lenoir County.

Thursday, June 3, Bethel, Lenoir County.

Friday, June 4, Kinston, Lenoir County.

Saturday, June 5, Christian Chapel, Lenoir County.

Sunday, June 6, Deep Run, Lenoir County.

Monday, June 7, Gray Branch, Lenoir County.

Tuesday, June 8, Dailey's Chapel, Lenoir County.

Wednesday, June 9, Woodington, Lenoir County.

Thursday, June 10, Smith's New Home, Lenoir County.

Friday, June 11, Whaley's Chapel, Jones County.

Saturday, June 12, Friendship, Craven County.

Sunday, June 13, Pilgrim Home, Jones County.

Monday, June 14, Moseley's Creek, Craven County.

Tuesday, June 15, Core Creek, Craven County.

Wednesday, June 16, Wintergreen, Craven County.

Thursday, June 17, Gethsemane, Craven County.

Friday, June 18, Mt. Pleasant, Carteret County.

Saturday, June 19, Holly Springs, Carteret County.

Sunday, June 20, Sound View, Carteret County.

Monday, June 21, Morehead City, Carteret County.

Tuesday, June 22, Welcome Home, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 23, Davis Shore, Carteret County.

Thursday, June 24, Pilgrim's Rest, Carteret County.

Friday, June 25, Free Union, Carteret County.

Saturday, June 26, St. John's Chapel, Carteret County.

Sunday, June 27, South River, Carteret County.

Monday, June 28, Russell's Creek, Carteret County.

Tuesday, June 29, Beaufort, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 30, Brice's Creek, Craven County.

Thursday, July 1, New Haven, Craven County.

Friday, July 2, St. Mary's, Craven County.

Saturday, July 3, Bridgeton, Craven County.

Sunday, July 4, Antioch, Craven County.

Monday, July 5, Spring Hope, Craven County.

Tuesday, July 6, Sts. Delight, Craven County.

Wednesday, July 7, Ruth's Chapel, Craven County.

Thursday, July 8, Macedonia, Craven County.

Friday, July 9, Juniper Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, July 10, Oak Grove, Craven County.

Sunday, July 11, Lane's Chapel, Craven County.

Monday, July 12, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Tuesday, July 13, Palmetto Chapel, Craven County.

Wednesday, July 14, Rock of Zion, Craven County.

Thursday, July 15, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.

Friday, July 16, Arapahoe, Pamlico County.

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Tuesday, August 3, Greenville, Pitt County.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 2: 1, 2.

He ever lives to intercede,
Before his Father's face;
Give him, my soul, thy cause to plead,
Nor doubt the Father's grace.

St. Claire Bible Class

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PETER AND JOHN BECOME DISCIPLES OF JESUS

(Lesson for April 4)

Lesson: John 1: 29-42; Mk. 1: 16-20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mk. 1: 17).

Missing an Apportunity

There are times when if we do not answer God's call **immediately** the opportunity is gone forever, leaving a lifelong regret. As I passed through a pleasant street God told me to give his message to an old man who was sitting on a lawn. I thought I might be mistaken, and passed on to take a car, but found I had no money, so returned and spoke to him. Some ladies who were on a veranda, hidden by vines, began to talk to me, and I knew they would hear all I said. Alas! I had been told, times without number, that one should not ask a person if he were a Christian, or invite him to come to Christ, when others were present, as it might do more harm than good. I sat on the steps and talked with the ladies about the life hid with Christ in God, but the old man went away, and in a few hours was struck by an express-train and was killed immediately. I then learned he was not a Christian. — The Sunday School Times.

Gypsy Smith's Soul-Winning

Perhaps the strongest love of a friend is that which impels him to speak to another of his Saviour. "As a rule it is easy to speak to those for whom we have often prayed. Gypsy Smith tells us that when he was converted he immediately became anxious for the conversion of his uncle. Among gypsies it was not considered proper for children to address their elders on the subject of duty; and so the boy just prayed, and waited for God to open the way. One day his uncle noticed a hole in his trousers, and said, "Rodney, how is it that you have worn the knees of your pants so much faster than the rest of them?" "Uncle, I have worn them out praying for you, that God would make you a Christian"; and then the tears came, of course. Nothing more was said, but the uncle put his arm around the boy, and drew him close to his breast, and in a little while was bending his knees to the same Saviour. When we wear out clothes thin in praying for others we shall not find it hard to speak to them if the opportunity occurs.—From Howard W. Pope, in his "2 Timothy 2: 15.'

II. Lesson High Points

For the next three months our lessons are devoted to a study of the Lives and Letters of Peter and John. The aim: To find, through a study of the lives of Peter and John, help for Christian living to-day.

Let us notice what John the Baptist told about the Lord Jesus. First of all he kept saying, every time he saw Him, "Behold the Lamb of God." And then he made a tremendous statement when he said that He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. That was enough to arouse the interest of anyone who had the slightest interest in the things of God. It is not hard to understand why John and Peter were so willing to go with the Lord Jesus when He invited them.

Do you know what the baptism of the Holy Spirit does to a repentant sinner? Then see I Corinthians 12: 13. Memorize, please. When does the baptism of the Holy Spirit take place? See Acts 2: 41. Then read verse 47 of the same chapter. When a person believes and is born of the Holy Spirit, he is at that time also baptized into the true church by the same Holy Spirit.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Doing All He Could

A ship's surgeon told this story: "On our last trip a boy fell overboard from the deck. I didn't know who he was, and told the crew they had better go out and try to save the boy. One of the crew pulled him up. They took off his outer garmens, turned him over a few times, worked his hands and feet, and when they had done all they knew how to do, they said: 'Haven't we done all we can?' 'Yes,' I said, 'I think you have.' A sudden impulse told me I ought to go over and see what I could do. I went over, and found it was my own son. Well, you may believe I didn't think the last thing had been done. I pulled off my coat. I bent over that boy, blew into his nostrils, and breathed into his mouth. I turned him over, and simply begged God to bring him back, and for four long hours I worked, until just at sunset I began to see the least flutter of breath that told me he lived. Oh, I will never see another boy drown without taking off my coat in the first instance and going to him and trying to save him as if I knew he were my own boy."—Dr. J. Balcom Shaw in The Ram's Horn.

An Opportunity Gone Forever

John Bradley and I lived in the same apartment house. He was clerk in the Congress Square Hotel and I am a minister of Christ. I was spading my garden and he repainting his canoe. Thus we became acquainted. My work had been finished several days. One day on returning home I saw him putting the very last touches on his very finely finished canoe. The Spirit of God said, "Now is the time to speak to John about Christ," but I said, "It is just noon and I will do that at another time." The next day John and his brother Louis went out on the Presumscot River to try their canoe, and John was drowned. My day of opportunity was forever gone.—Chas. M. Neal.

Talking To A Wooden Indian

In some of "Sophie the Washerwoman's sermons she says: "Some people said they saw me talking to a wooden Indian outside a cigar store. That might be so, I don't know. My eyesight is poor. But that ain't so bad as being a wooden Christian that never talks for Jesus at all. The de-

vil has his peoples around talking, and they ain't afraid to speak to peoples anywhere; why should we be?" —The Sunday School Times.

P. S. to YOU: We feel sure our quarterlies will have the helps you need on this lesson.

THE BIBLE—YET IT LIVES

Generations follow generations—yet it lives.

Nations rise and fall—yet it lives.

Kings, dictators, presidents come and go—yet it lives.

Torn, condemned, burned—yet it lives.

Hated, despised, cursed—yet it lives.

Doubted, suspected, criticized—yet it lives.

Damned by atheists—yet it lives.

Scoffed at by scorners—yet it lives.

Exaggerated by fanatics—yet it lives.

Misconstrued and misstated—yet it lives.

Ranted and raved about—yet it lives.

Its inspiration denied—yet it lives.

Yet it lives—as a lamp to our feet.

Yet it lives—as a light to our paths.

Yet it lives—as a gate to heaven.

Yet it lives—as a standard for childhood.

Yet it lives—as a guide for youth.

Yet it lives—as an inspiration for the matured.

Yet it lives—as a comfort for the aged.

Yet it lives—as food for the hungry.

Yet it lives—as water for the thirsty.

Yet it lives—as rest for the weary.

Yet it lives—as light for the heathen.

Yet it lives—as salvation for the sinner.

Yet it lives—as grace for the Christian.

To know it is to love it.
To love it is to accept it.
To accept it means life eternal.

—Williard L. Johnson.

THIS I KNOW

Ephesians 6: 18

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His Word,
Which tells me—prayer is always heard,
And will be answered soon or late;
And so I pray, and calmly wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own,
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blessed.

—Selected.

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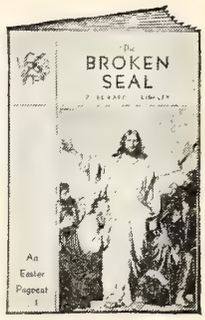

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The members of the Ladies Missionary society of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church deeply regret the loss sustained in the death of our beloved member, Mrs. Lonis Jackson who departed this life January 16, 1943, therefore be it Resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission and say, "Thy will be done," to Him who giveth and taketh, for God doeth all things well;

Second, That we cherish the memory of her life of faithful duty to her church and friends, and that we strive to emulate her Christian character;

Third, That we extend to the family our love and deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be written in our minutes, a copy sent to the family, and one to the Baptist paper for publication.

"She is not dead, she had passed
Beyond the mist that binds us here,
Into a new and larger realm
Of a serener sphere."

Mrs. George Allen,
Mrs. Joe Reding,
Mrs. George Head,
Committee.

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MERCER. On Wednesday, February 17, 1943, the death angel visited the Cabin Community, and took away from us a very prominent man, C. L. Mercer. He was 61 years old. His death was undetermined, since he died suddenly. It is thought, however, that he died with heart attack or a stroke.

He was all fixed to take a trip to Kinston, and returned to the store for a handkerchief, and fell back of the counter and soon passed away. He was known by everyone as "Uncle Boss." He was a very kind friend to everyone, and especially to little children whom he came in contact with. As a father he was unsurpassed, as he had to be Father and Mother for approximately 8 years.

He was a faithful member of the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church. He had been a merchant for years and a farmer all his life. The community will miss saying, "Uncle Boss' Store," from now on.

Just a few weeks previous to his death, God saw fit to take away another friend of ours, and Uncle Boss made these remarks: "She has just gone to her place that the Lord has been preparing for her, for He has said in the fourteenth chapter of St. John, verses 1-3, 'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.' So, her place was completed, and it won't be long before He will have mine finished for me."

His funeral took place at Cabin Church and Rev. Lloyd Vernon conducted it, assisted by Rev. R. C. Kennedy. Serecta Choir, with Mrs. Roy Kennedy as sopranist, rendered special vocal music for the occasion with Mrs. Leslie Evans accompaning them at the piano. The flower girls were the little grandchildren who were led by Mrs. Walter Rhodes.

He was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers in the Cabin Church Cemetery. He is survived by his children and grandchildren, and a host of sorrowing friends.

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A voice we loved is still;
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Which never can be filled.

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Boys and Girls Corner

MISS MARY BROWN KEEPS BREAKING DOWN

The wind blew hard,
And bent the trees,—
They nearly touched the ground!
The sky grew dark
With thunder clouds
That made a thunder sound!

A bright light flashed,
And tore the sky
Until the rain fell through!
And down it poured,
And down it splashed,
And soaked us through and through!

Uncle Timothy, Debbie, Davie and Goliath were all sitting in the front seat of the car! The top was down, and all three were happily singing choruses, and Goliath was occasionally helping out.

"Just one more stop, and then we arrive at Aunt Agatha's tonight, in time for supper," said Uncle Timothy.

Aunt Agatha owned a pleasant cabin in the mountains of Central Pennylvania, and the children looked forward eagerly to the end of their journey—the mountain cabin!

"Looks like rain, Uncle Timothy," said Davie.

"It certainly does. And it looks like it might be quite a storm. Just ten miles to the next town though, and we'll wait until it is over before we cross this next mountain."

"Uncle Timothy!" exclaimed Debbie.

"What is it, Debbie?"

"The red car!"

The lady in the red car! Indeed it was! At least they felt sure it was because the car looked the same. At first they couldn't see the lady, but that was because she was hidden by the motor.

"Well, we certainly do come along in time," laughed Uncle Timothy as he stopped The Crusader in back of the red coupe.

"Oh,—you life-savers!" the lady cried as she stepped back. Her face

was very red, perhaps from the sun, perhaps from distress, perhaps from being caught in need again by these kind people in the trailer. "Whatever would I do on this trip without you!"

"I don't know. I guess that is why we always turn up at the right moment," Uncle Timothy said gravely, but there was a twinkle in his eyes which anyone could see.

The trouble this time was more than a punctured tire, or lack of gasoline. Uncle Timothy said a mechanic would have to look at it this time. Since the car would not go, he suggested that The Crusader push the red coupe into the next town, a distance of about six miles.

"You are most kind," the young lady said. "I'm so embarrassed about all of this. I've been organizing teacher training classes for child evangelism."

"Please don't mind," said Uncle Timothy, keeping an eye on the approaching storm. "We are really glad to help you out. We're from western Pennsylvania, and Debbie and Davie here are helping me on a little gospel trip. This is The Crusader, and we call ourselves "The Crusaders on Wheels.' My name is Timothy Lake."

A flash in the sky! then a thundercannonade swallowed up the name; but without asking for it again the lady responded: "How do you do. My name is Mary Brown."

"How do you do, Miss Brown."

Just then the first big drops of rain began to splash upon the road. Debbie and Davie scampered into the car with Goliath, and Uncle Timothy hurried to put up the top. A few minutes later the Crusader was pushing the red coupe slowly down the road. Within an hour they pulled up in front of the garage in the next town. The storm had been increasing so Uncle Timothy decided to wait until it passed before attempting to make any calls. The garage man said it would take two hours to repair the red coupe.

"Uncle Timothy," said Debbie, "don't you think it would be nice for Miss Brown to have lunch with us?"

"I certainly do, Debbie. Let's ask her. Miss Brown, would you care to lunch with us? It is nearly one o'clock now, and we are the handiest restaurant around here."

Miss Brown hesitated for a moment, then smiled and said: "I would be delighted to have lunch with you provided I can be chief cook."

It was a jolly luncheon they had, sitting in a shelter in a nearby tourist camp, with The Crusader's table and chairs, and portable stove to make it comfortable. Just as they finished, the sun began to shine from behind the weeping clouds. The garage man waved to them across the road that Miss Brown's car was repaired.

"Goodbye, and thank you so much, each one of you for your help," said Miss Brown. "I trust that I won't have to call on you for any more assistance this trip."

"The pleasure," said Uncle Timothy, "is all ours."

The rest of the afternoon was spent in making calls, and distributing tracts. Finally, after a snack of something to eat to take the edge off their appetites before they reached Aunt Agatha's, they started up the mountain. Beyond—halfway up the next mountain—was Aunt Agatha's cabin.

It was seven o'clock before they turned the last snake-like curve, and came upon Aunt Agatha's neat cabin, set back from the road, in a large clearing. The cabin was roomy, with a porch almost encircling the whole of it. To the left was a summerhouse, a swing, and the spring. To the right was a three-car garage. Uncle Timothy honked the horn loudly as they pulled into the driveway, and in a moment Aunt Agatha came running out of the cabin.

"Hello everybody. Welcome—a thousand welcomes," she called to them. "I've been watching for you all afternoon! Did the storm hold you up?"

"Hello there, sister o' mine. We certainly did get caught in the storm," greeted Uncle Timothy as he kissed her on the nose.

The twins jumped out of the car, and raced around to Aunt Agatha, both hugging her at the same time.

"Grandma's here!" she announced, and with that music in their ears Debbie and Davie sprinted across the yard to the cabin, shouting as they ran: "Grandma! Grandma! Grandma!"

Uncle Timothy and Aunt Agatha followed them into the large, cheerful living room where a half dozen people were sitting in the far end. Even before Uncle Timothy could call out a "hello," Debbie came running to him, words tumbling over one another in her excitement: "Uncle Timothy! Guess what? Miss Brown is here!"

And so it was! Sitting in a wicker chair next to Grandma was none other than Miss Mary Brown who was always breaking down! What a good time they had explaining it all to everybody. What a laugh Aunt Agatha, Grandma and Mr. and Mrs. Bird, college friends of Aunt Agatha's, had on the Crusaders and Miss Brown.

"And so you see," finished Miss Brown, "if it hadn't been for the 'Crusaders on Wheels' I never would have arrived here."

"And to think that we were all coming to the same place!" said Debbie, "and we never knew it!"

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 16, 1943

Dear Baptist Readers:

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of the people who help to print this FREE WILL BAPTIST MAGAZINE in the town of Ayden, North Carolina.

I have been in the membership of the Free Will Baptist denomination since the early fall of nineteen hundred forty, and I like to be with these fine religious workers.

I am hoping to be in your community some time in the future if I keep well and strong like I have been in the past. May the good Lord be with everyone there, and all of His children everywhere.

Yours very truly,

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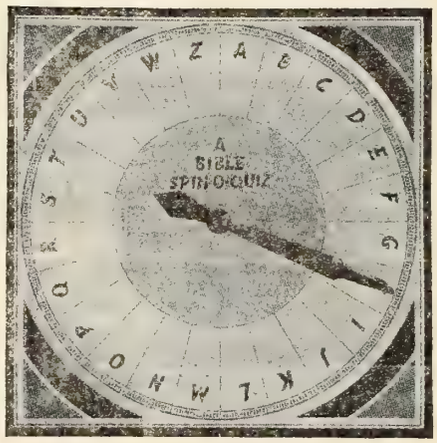

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The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—
Out in the fields with God!

—*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

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Theme: Soul Winning through Personal Contact.

Scriptures: Eph. 6: 17; Isa. 55: 11; Ac. 8: 29-40.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6: 17). We find here the importance of reading God's Word, as He speaks to us through His word of truth. Paul also said, "Take upon you the whole armour of God, that ye might be able to stand." We are also to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. We find here that it takes God's holy word to prepare us to withstand the evil and trying times now about us. If we will read God's word prayerfully, we shall receive many blessings from our study of it. May we read, therefore, and study God's word that we might be able to quote His word to someone who might accept it. Some who do not read the Bible and who do not know Christ as their personal Saviour might be greatly benefitted by our telling them of God's word and what it has for them. God has said that His word shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish that which He desires.

God promises us when we tell someone about Him and His work that it will not be in vain. If we ladies of the Auxiliary can say one word during the Week of Prayer that would lead someone to Christ, then we will be doing a good work, and will be rewarded for it. May every lady of the auxiliaries be determined as we observe this week of prayer, to come into personal contact with someone who does not know God. Let them contact them in a scriptural way of soul winning. Let us, therefore, be as Jesus was—be soul winners.

Our main thought and aim, during the Week of Prayer, is to win souls for Christ. Read Acts 8: 29-40, and notice that these verses show that Philip was seeking to save the lost soul of the eunuch. We find that this man of Ethiopia had come to Jerusalem to worship, and as he was on his way home, he was seated in the chariot reading Esaias the prophet. But the eunuch could not understand what the prophet meant, when he read of Christ's crucifixion. Philip being led by the Spirit, went up to him and preached unto him Jesus. The eunuch believed and desired to be baptized, and Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." The man replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So, Philip baptized the man and he went on his way rejoicing. This man was seeking salvation and he found the way to

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EDITORIAL

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND WORSHIP

In the light of the Christian Faith, What is freedom of the human intellect, or heart impulses? Has man the right, within the realm of his own intellectual faculties, to say he is free to act in a certain way, to judge others by his own standards, or to choose for himself, irrespective of certain laws of God and man, the course of his earthly life? Some think man, being endowed with his free-moral agency, has such a right within the bounds of his own thinking faculties; others do not.

For purposes of discussion or comment here, it is conceded by most thinkers that man is a threefold being; namely, he possesses the physical nature, has mental endowments or faculties, and manifests the spiritual nature for worship or reverence unto the true and living God, or for something as a god.

In civilizations, man's physical or mental behavior, or social activities with his fellowmen are governed or regulated by the order set up (governmental control) by those in administration or the people as a whole in democratic countries. His public behavior or conduct is required to conform to the civil standards or regulations set up by those in authority. But, when and if he chooses, in his own independent thinking, to run counter to public authority, and transgress the laws of society, he brings upon himself trouble because of his not conforming to the regulations laid down by society. He is counted a transgressor of the laws of his country.

Be it understood that such a person is left free to think and to see things his way; but, unless his thinking and acting in society are in harmony or accord with the standards of his fellowmen, he is said to be out of line with the trend of human conduct in that society. Then the laws of that society say he should be punished whenever he, in his adverse and independent thinking, transgresses with acts of violence or of an unbecoming nature of the standard rules of human conduct in that society or organized government.

Rules of conduct in a democratic society are established for the welfare of the whole. Those who think and act adversely and transgress wilfully, because they have the right to think (as they say) become offensive to society. Such line of thinking and acting thus becomes censorious and greatly harmful to any people.

On the other hand, a well regulated society, with modern educational facilities for the training and the shaping of human thought and activity in society, will tend to direct, over a period of years, proper thought and activity of its citizens. Thus, it will serve as a means of developing the freedom of thought in the proper channels of human life and activity.

Accordingly, individuals in a definite society, or living under certain definite regulations become in their thinking and acting, both physically and mentally, contributors to that society in material things and in intellectual achievements. Thus, their freedom to act and to think becomes contributory in building standards for even greater civilizations. Free thinking which is constructive and productive of the highest in human achievement is always legitimate, and praiseworthy in any individual or group of individuals.

Relative to the spiritual nature of man, it is obvious that he has always been a being who worships something. The heathen, for example, feel free to worship man-made gods or images, or beasts or creeping things of the natural world. The Christian people know this type of worship is both wrong and tends to corrupt others who are influenced by it. The American Indian had a form of worship which he offered to the unknown god. Native African tribes worshipped images and beasts. Many people of India today worship idols and man-made gods. They, through the past centuries, have had the impulse to worship something. Thus, false and worthless worship has been the practice of millions through the ages. The right to worship was an impulse of their hearts, though wrong and futile, bringing to them in the end nothing eternal or satisfying.

God gave man an intellect with which to think and to direct his activities upon earth. What the hand, the tongue or the foot does, the mind of man, under the impulse of consciousness, chooses to direct. Sinful man thinks, but he is not justified before God and Christian society, when he turns his thinking into activity to harm either his fellowman or himself. In the sight of God, and in accordance with God's spiritual laws laid down for man, he has no right to put his so-called free thinking which is corrupt into practice. God warns against such things, for such mental activity translated into corrupt deeds harms one's self and tends to corrupt society. Though his thoughts be evil, at times, and bitter against individuals or society, his freedom of activity (the carrying out of his evil thoughts) has no place in human affairs, and no right of expression in society.

Man is free to worship the true and the living God in countries where the civil regulations do not interfere with his religious freedom, and when he conforms his spirit and nature of worship to the teachings of the Word of God. When his will, in sacred worship, is submissive to and obedient unto the will of God, then his freedom of devotion and meditation dwells in God. His manner of worship and sense of rejoicing harmonize with God's divine nature, for, as a New Creature in Christ Jesus, he is in his will-activity and freedom of thought obeying the spiritual impulses of his heart, and thus he is witnessing the sacred and holy communion of his soul with the Divine Being.

The Good Shepherd

(THE PASTOR)

In writing on this subject, I think it most befitting to say that our Editor, in presenting "JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD" in the Advnaced Quarterly, our Sunday School lesson of February 21, did a magnificent piece of work in his exposition of the subject.

Remembering that Jesus spake the parable of the Good Shepherd in a land of shepherds and to a people who knew the difference between a good shepherd and an hireling, let us, first, consider the life, sacrifices, and the loyalty of an Oriental Shepherd.

The good shepherds of the Orient, we learn from the Bible, were men who cared for and watched over flocks of sheep. They were men who had given up the other things of life in order that they could devote their entire time to guarding and protecting their flocks. The good shepherd would rise early in the morning and lead his sheep out upon green pastures, then down to the cool clear streams to get water, and back to a safe place for the night. These shepherds knew their sheep and the sheep knew their master's voice and would follow him, but a stranger they would not follow for they knew not his voice. In this land where many wild animals which would, if given a chance, slip into the flock and kill, frighten, and scatter them, but the good shepherd, would stay close by and protect his sheep from their enemies. However, the hireling would flee when danger arose leaving the sheep to be devoured or make their escape as best they could.

The good shepherd knew his sheep and if one, only one, strayed away from the fold, he, the good shepherd, would leave the others, the ninety and nine, and go and find the lost sheep and return him safely to the fold. The good shepherd would risk his own life to protect and save his sheep from the ravages of the wild beast, their enemy.

The parable of the Good Shepherd was spoken by Jesus just a short while before the close of His Ministry here on earth and was to teach all men of the love and care He has for His true followers.

He was going away, but He would not leave His flocks alone and without a shepherd, so, He called men, and has called them throughout the years since to be the Good Shepherds of His folds until He returns.

Yes, we have shepherds today, our pastors. Some are good shepherds; some are hirelings. We see both kinds all about us. They are easy to distinguish between as were the Oriental shepherds. Sure, we have good shepherds, pastors, today. We find them scattered all over our land and country. Men who have sacrificed their ambitions and desires for the material things of this life in order that they might devote their bodies, minds, and souls to the cause of their calling, having nothing to burden them but the care of their flock and its increase. These men, pastors, work and pray every day with their flock relying upon God's promises that the necessities of life will be provided. I have in mind some of these pastors now, and from all appearances, they are faring just as well, if not a little better, than those pastors who are astride the dividing line working all week for the material things and preaching on Sunday in order to hold on to the Spiritual.

Wherever we find these good shepherds, pastors, we find better communities, better church buildings, larger congregations of sincere and devout Christian people who are loyal to their church, their pastor, and their Sunday School. Men and women who give their liberal financial support to all worthy causes of the church. They have faith in their shepherd, pastor, and follow his leadership because he practices just what he preaches—the Bible way of life. He knows his sheep, members, by name and when one strays away, he goes after him and keeps close by until he returns to the flock.

But, not so with the other class of shepherds, pastors. We find so many shepherds, pastors, who, when they accept the call to this, the greatest calling on earth, do so, seemingly, with a doubt that God is able to provide all of the necessities of life and consequently, they return to their old way of obtaining their material things giving to God's Service only one day (Sunday) which is already His day.

You can easily recognize the flocks who are led by these shepherds, pastors. You will find them careless, unconcerned, divided, scattered, joining other churches, and some actually losing their faith in any church. These flocks are not cared for and protected like the flocks who have a good shepherd, pastor. Their shepherd does not know them by name and they do not hear his voice nor follow him, because he is not a living example of the Faith he preaches. Many stray away and are forgotten since they do not have the good shepherd to follow them up, reason with, and persuade them to return to the fold. "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of a stranger." How different it is with the good shepherd, pastor; "And the sheep hear his voice:—he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice."

Now, as never before, when the world is at war, and the wolf, Satan, is scattering the sheep asunder, it seems to me that our greatest need is for more GOOD SHEPHERDS who have sufficient Faith and courage to launch out upon the sea of God's promises, putting their hearts, souls, minds, and bodies into the great work of the Master in an effort to bring back into the fold those who have strayed away and add to the fold from the multitudes of those who have never found their Saviour.

The man who assumes the duties of a Good Shepherd will never find time for other kinds of work nor will

that be necessary. That is right, the pastor has to have food and clothing and a place to live but, according to the teachings of the Bible, he is not to worry about these things for God has promised to supply every need to the pastor who surrenders all else for His Cause. "Oh ye of little faith." Just as soon as a pastor proves to his flock that he is giving his all and his best to the Cause of the Master they will supply every material need.

Do you see the point that I am trying to get across? It is simply this: the world today is looking for something REAL and SUBSTANTIAL. Men and women are looking everywhere for it, except, the right source—God. God has called into His service men, men upon whose shoulders He has placed the responsibility of being His GOOD SHEPHERDS. The responsibility of pointing out His Way of life to all men all over this wide world. These Good Shepherds have the greatest responsibility of any one living and, if they discharge their duty to their calling, they will have no time for anything else in this life. It is just as impossible for a man to be a GOOD SHEPHERD and a merchant or a lawyer at the same time as it is for a farmer to be a banker or a doctor at the same time. Each is in a sphere of its own, and a man cannot be any two of them and be efficient in either. Therefore, of all professions, the ministry should be an exclusive one, not tied up with any other work or burdens, since its very foundation is its Faith in the unseen.

I, along with many of the laity, long to see the day come when we will have a GOOD SHEPHERD, an all-time pastor, for each church of our Faith. A pastor who will work every day just as early, just as hard, and just as late with his members in building and maintaining a progressive Spiritual Church Body as the average farmer works in housing a crop of fine tobacco. When this comes about we will have larger church bodies of Christian people, more church schools, more missionaries, more church buildings, more and better orphan homes, a well paid Ministry, and a better country in which to live. All that is necessary to bring this condition about is UNDAUNTED Faith and the preaching of the Word in its entirety.

We are approaching a great revolution in our way of living. This revolution will change man's way of thinking as well as living and, unless, our Ministry prepares itself to cope with these changes, the church will suffer great losses in the coming years. It is with this realization and the hope and prayer that our Ministers and lay-leaders may become alert and on their respective jobs that I write this article.

Yours in His Service,
R. C. Baggette,
Wilson, N. C.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I should like for the readers to read Nahum 1: verses 2 and 3. First, I will speak about the Lord being jealous. Someone may ask the question, What is the Lord jealous about? If we will only stop and consider what the word jealous means, we shall understand why He is jealous. May I illustrate it this way. Love for someone will cause the lover to be jealous for the one he loves; that is, if the one that is being loved spurns that love and turns all his or her attention to someone else, especially is this true if this one is an enemy of the lover.

Now, I think that will explain why the Lord is jealous, because old Satan, the enemy of the Lord, has been making love to God's people, and has won the affection of a lot of God's people unto himself. We all belong to God, even though we serve the Devil. So, this explains the whole thing in a nutshell. The Lord has done much for us, even giving His Son on the cross that we might have eternal life. Then when that love is spurned by us, it is enough to grieve the loving heart of God, and to cause Him to be jealous. Let us now read the latter clause of verse 2: "He reserveth wrath for his enemies." Thus it is shown, all of God's spurners had better be on the lookout, and change their ways, while the opportunity of changing is theirs.

In verse three we find these words, "He will not at all acquit the wicked." Sometimes our court judges acquit the prisoner. Sometimes the evidence isn't sufficient to convict, and sometimes there may be other reasons why the court acquits the prisoner. But I suppose most of the readers are aware of the fact that when we appear before the great **Judge** of judges that we will receive a righteous judgment. So, if we have lived a wicked life here on earth, we will receive a verdict in line with the offense committed. Then it will be too late to beg for mercy.

The wise thing to do is to accept God's mercy while the mercy-door is open, for when the mercy-door is once shut, it will never be opened again. It was not opened for the rich man, when he prayed unto father Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his five brothers of the terrible place he was in, neither will it be opened for us. A word to the wise is sufficient. AMEN.

HE'S COMING BACK AGAIN

One day upon Mount Calvary there stood a cruel cross,
There they hanged King Jesus that we should not be lost.
They nailed His hands and feet, they pierced Him in the side,
Such agony He suffered. For you and me He died.

To you His arms are opened, and oh, that pleading voice,
Pleading for you to come, oh make Him now your choice.
His precious blood can cleanse, removing every stain,
Why not accept Him now? He may not call again.

Some day He's coming back, to catch away His own,
To reign with Him forever around the great white throne.
Keep your lamps all burning, your garments white as snow,
Be ready for His coming, It won't be long, you know.

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Early History of Free Will Baptists

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(Article 14.)

"Emancipation of Negroes"

The Anti-Slavery Society and Women's Ordination are two planks in the Free Will Baptist platform that, from the beginning of the denomination, stood out clearly, and without apology for which the colored race and women have much to be thankful. The writer joins in expression of appreciation for the suffering and persecutions which of the early workers endured to make this liberty possible. The society was organized at Sugar Hill, Lisbon, N. H., June 18, 1843.

The formal organization had been preceded by 10 years of healthy discussion. In 1830 Garrison had uttered his clarion call: "Immediate Emancipation is the right of the slave and the duty of the master," and in December, 1833, the American Anti-Slavery Society was organized. For once only did the "Morning Star" speak in doubtful tones. It soon took a bold and unflinching position on the side of freedom. In June, 1837, the N. H. Y. M. endorsed its position. The same year, Rev. John Chaney gave notice that he would introduce anti-slavery resolutions at the next session of the Farmington Q. M., and Rev. Silas Curtis went 40 miles to defend them. The resolutions were adopted with only one or two dissenting votes. Resolutions were adopted by the Rockingham Q. M. David Marks spoke out. Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and New York decided the question favorably. General Conference settled it. While deciding for the dark peoples of India, we decided for the folks in our own cotton fields and rice slews. The nation shed blood, and violence reigned, and Garrison was mobbed in the streets of Boston. In 1836 the Printing Establishment had been twice refused an act of incorporation because the "STAR" was outspoken on the subject of abolition. Fifteen thousand dollars were due for our publication and many refused payment, unless a different policy was adopted. For two years the subscription list of the STAR was constantly decreasing. A crisis had come and the trustees were called in special session. For a day and night the question was considered. At daybreak the vote was unanimous with but one exception for the Star to continue its unequivocal utterance for the abolition of slavery. Not till 1846 did the political position of the state change, and then it was largely through Free Baptist influence, so that a charter was granted. For several years the act of incorporation was refused the Home Mission Society, lest it might send forth missionaries to preach abolition.

In 1837 General Conference "Resolved, as it exists in this country, it is a system of tyranny; more cruel than any practice any where in the known world." Preachers and churches tried to head it off but conferences stood pat. Wm. Housle's ordination was refused because of his stand on slavery. Over 20,000 Free Will B. cut themselves off from statistics rather than be counted in favor of slavery. There were those who tried to support slavery through the Bible and it was called "Moram Treason against God's word." New Hampshire organized its Anti-Slavery Society, and for twenty-five years kept it burning with Jonathen Woodman as president.

General Conference at Providence in 1850 defied the nation and said, "In spite of fines and imprisonments by Congress, we will do all in our power to prevent the recapture of the fugitive and to aid him in his efforts to escape." This report was discussed four hours by men from ten different states and decided unanimously in favor of it. When the war broke out and during its progress, 58 of our able-bodied ministers and 200 of our ministers' sons volunteered in their country's defense. All others did good service in the union cause by preaching, praying and sympathizing with the soldiers in the field and the broken families at home.

In 1863 "Emancipation" came and the Home Mission Board at once established mission schools among the FREED MEN. In 1868 the society dissolved as slavery was no more. Eternity will alone tell what Free Baptists did toward vanishing slavery.

In the life record of Wm. Lloyd Garrison on page 81, you'll find the following—"It gives me great pleasure to mention one Christian denomination, somewhat numerous in parts of New England, as well as in other states, that deserves to be excepted from the censures. I have been compelled to bestow upon the rest. I allude to the FREE WILL BAPTISTS, who, from the beginning, refused to receive slave-holders into communion, and most of whom were prompt to espouse the doctrine of immediate emancipation. THE MORNING STAR, the organ of the denomination, did much to inform public sentiment on the subject of slavery, especially in New Hampshire, where it had had a large circulation. The constituancy of this church was mainly among the common people, where its influence was chiefly felt. Its leaders refused to follow the example of other churches in countenancing slavery, and for this reason incurred much censure and some persecution. It is not too much to say that it was more through the influence of the MORNING STAR than from any other cause that the power of the pro-slavery Democracy in New Hampshire was first broken, and John P. Hale elected to the Senate of the United States. That the Free Will Baptists were in all respects consistent and as earnest as they should have been in their testimony against slavery it would not be too much to affirm; but compared with the churches around them, they were as light in the midst of darkness. If all other Christian denominations had come up to their level, the chains of slaves might have been broken by moral power."

"The anti-slavery record of Free Will Baptists," says Theodore Weld, "is a trail of light."

The officers of the Society have been: President—Woodman, Waterman, Dunn, Chaney, Fisk, Curtis, Burlingame, Libby, Littlefield, Sinclair, Day, Cheney, Moulton and Morrill; Corresponding Secretaries—Dame, Noyes, Fullonton, Moulton, Fallonton, Stewart, Frost, Butler, Harriman, Ball, Cilley, Durgin, Burbank, Bowen and Smith; Recording Secretaries—Ramsey, Cilley, Durgin; Treasurers—Wm. Burr and A. D. Smith.

Note (Next article will be Women's Ordination.)

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

(Field Secretary of North Carolina State Association)

Eastern District Auxiliary

The Eastern District of the Women's Auxiliary convened with the Kinston F. W. B. Church March 25th, according to schedule. The reports were encouraging. Mrs. H. M. McAdams brought the 11:00 o'clock message in the absence of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who was on the program. The message was excellent, inspiring and uplifting. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year; namely, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President; Mrs. Alice Lupton, Secretary, Mrs. Cal Sawyer, of Cash Corner, Treasurer, then the six vice-presidents of the year past were re-elected.

The next convention goes to Union Chapel, Beaufort county. This is another good place to go. The Kinston people took care of the convention in the most liberal manner. With the present "rationing," we do not see how they reached such a degree of hospitality. Well, they did a fine job.

Good News from the Treasurer

Brother James A. Evans, Home Mission Treasurer, informs us that the proceeds received from the February campaign has gone over the $400.00 mark. This is the most money ever sent in for one month for Home Missions. That is not all either, for more will go to the treasurer for this work.

The Harvest Could Have Been Greater

St. Mary's church of New Bern sent $50.00 of the $400. Rev. W. B. Everett is the pastor. So, if all of us had done as well, we could have placed at least three whole time mission workers in the field here in North Carolina. Well, we will do it after awhile.

I have faith in the Free Will Baptist people. Just give the information as to the need and Free Will Baptists will take hold and move on. Yes, we are going.

Bible School Report

The national Executive Secretary, Rev. L. R. Ennis, reported that $15,000 was received for the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., during the first half of the year, beginning with the closing of the National Association July last. Our vision as a people is becoming more and more clearer all the time.

Foreign Missions

We are praying that the month of April will be the greatest "Missionary Month" in the history of the State Association of North Carolina. We are anxious for the climaxing of all that has ever been done. I believe that it will be. I have confidence in our Free Will Baptists to the extent that we are going to make the biggest offerings ever. Brother pastors, one and all, let us place FOREIGN MISSIONS right where it should be —right before the eyes of the people. The Lord Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world." If we accept the command of Jesus we cannot be satisfied to "freeze" the Gospel at home. When I say, "freeze" I mean to stop its use beyond our own door. You know that when a commodity is "frozen" it must remain on the shelves of the store-keepers. A great many people have been guilty of keeping the Gospel on the shelf instead of passing it on to all men everywhere. Well let us "loosen-up" and get full of the "Go Ye Command" and God will pour us out a great blessing.

Waiting Your Invitation

I am waiting until next week to fix the itinerary of Miss Yealey. First come first served. So, if you want Miss Yealey, our returned missionary, to visit your church, drop me a card today—just as soon as you read these lines.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SENT FUNDS FOR SPRING CLOTHING TO DATE

Western Association

Little Rock L. A. S.	$20.00
St. Mary's Church	20.00
Friendship L. A. S.	20.00
Pleasant Grove L. A. S.	15.00
Holly Springs Miss. Soc.	20.00
Pine Level L. A.	20.00
Rains X Roads L. A. S.	20.00
Wilson L. A. S.	20.00
Baracca S. S. Class of Little Rock Church	20.00
Kenly L. A. S.	20.00
Edgemont Miss. Society	15.00

Central Conference

Free Union L. A. S.	$20.00
Antioch L. A. S.	20.00
Welcome Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel	20.00
Black Jack L. A. S.	20.00
Winterville L. A. S.	20.00
Piny Grove L. A. S.	20.00
Ayden L. A. S.	20.00
Kings X Roads L. A. S.	20.00
Gum Swamp L. A. S.	20.00
Edgewood L. A. S.	20.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.	20.00
Sound Side L. A. S.	20.00
Gum Neck L. A. S.	20.00
Grimsley L. A. S.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson	17.50
Mr. J. B. Speight	30.00

Eastern Conference

Eastern Aux. Convention	$20.00
Moseley's Creek L. A. S.	20.00
Snow Hill L. A. S.	20.00
Macedonia L. A. S.	20.00
Northeast L. A. S.	15.00
Deep Run L. A. S.	20.00
Vocal Union of 3rd District	20.00
Mt. Zion L. A. S.	20.00
Dublin Grove Miss. Soc.	15.00
Core Creek L. A. S.	20.00
Arapahoe L. A. S.	20.00
Carteret Co. League and Union	20.00

Cape Fear Conference

Hopewell L. A. S.	20.00
Corinth L. A. S.	20.00
Lee's Chapel Church	20.00

French Broad Association

Walnut L. A. S.	$20.00

Pee Dee Association

Women's S. S. Class of White Oak Church	$20.00

Beaver Creek Association

N. Belmont L. A. S.	$20.00

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education ..... Superannuation
Home Missions ..... Foreign Missions

REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
July 1 to December 31, 1942

Receipts from States & Treas.	Unified Program Fund	Women's Auxiliary	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible School	Total
North Carolina	$ 353.13	$107.44	$ 9.25	$ 15.00	$ 875.12	$ 2,029.25	$ 3,389.19
Missouri	75.67	24.01	7.60	24.00	1,111.73	518.14	1,761.15
Tennessee	218.98	14.60			516.00	1,401.71	2,151.29
Ohio	31.82	10.00			155.00	200.00	396.82
Michigan			15.00		150.00	146.89	311.89
South Carolina					116.00	12.00	128.00
Georgia	173.25		13.81	5.10	102.55	496.50	791.21
Texas	129.00	5.00	4.00		99.81	1,076.75	1,314.56
Oklahoma	30.00	6.00			78.00	119.00	233.00
Illinois	250.80	20.25			43.00	375.65	689.70
Florida	24.23	9.00			25.00	22.00	80.23
West Virginia	29.35	7.00			13.89		50.24
Alabama	11.05	2.04			10.10	309.16	332.35
New Mexico					10.00		10.00
Arkansas					1.25		1.25
Virginia	7.64	12.77				10.12	30.53
Mississippi		2.00		12.00		125.71	139.71
Kentucky	25.88	12.00				230.00	267.88
Maryland	37.75						37.75
Unified Fund			132.20	256.32	362.56	571.08	1,322.15
Other Sources	307.16	101.42	18.30		469.81	1,649.87	2,546.56
Total Receipts	$1,705.71	$333.53	$ 200.16	$312.42	$4,139.82	$ 9,293.83	$15,985.46
Bal. brot. forwd.	114.50	316.96	1,063.85	246.05	837.93	6,150.27	8,729.56
Grand Total	$1,820.21	$650.49	$1,264.01	$558.47	$4,977.75	$15,444.10	$24,715.03
Cash Bal. Dec. 31, '43	$ 85.44	$300.17	$1,144.01	$258.47	$1,490.90	$ 1,098.34	$ 4,377.33

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FINANCING OUR NATIONAL WORK

By Reverend L. R. Ennis

At the 1941-session of the National Association there was reported a total of $7,414.98 received by all the departments of the organization. A year later in the annual session of the Association which was held in Columbus, Mississippi, a total of $15,260.33 was reported—a gain of more than 100 per cent over the previous year. At the end of the first half of the present year the receipts to all departments amounted to $15,985.46, which is an increase of $725.13 over the previous year's receipts. There is however a concession to be made: Of the total received for the first six months of this year, $950.00 of the amount was collected for room and board from students in the Free Will Baptist Bible School. But this amount subtracted from the total receipts for the half-year places us within $224.87 of the goal attained in 1942. Free Will Baptists are really beginning to do things.

As one studies, however, the financial report published herein, he will find many gaps which challenge, if not reproach, us. Many of the states show no contributions whatever to Home Missions and Superannuation. These two departments call for earnest and thoughtful consideration. Those blank columns in the report will doubtless depress the hearts of many loyal Free Will Baptists. There is no use to say that the Home Mission Board or the Superannuation Board deserves censure for the nonsupport of these phases of our national work—the responsibility is with the Denomination. The Denomination has produced these boards, and these boards will come to their own in the leadership which they will offer our people in their respective phases of work. The present year is destined to mark the beginning of greater things for Superannuation and Home Missions.

The Foreign Mission treasury shows receipts for the first half of the present year in the amount of $4,139.82, which is only $425.51 short of the goal of last year. Free Will Baptists everywhere are awakening to the world's need of salvation. Many insist upon promoting Home Missions, but those who are really missionary obviously abound in the support of Foreign Missions. There is no phase of our work which is fraught with greater quickening power than our Foreign Mission program.

The Bible School of Nashville, Tennessee, is now a historic fact. The Free Will Baptist Denomination owns the property totally free of encumbrance. In the advancement of this cause we have spent $14,354.76 during the first six months of the present associational year. The present enrollment of students is fifteen. We couldn't have asked for more. All of these are first-year students in every sense of the term. Next year these students will advance to second-year work and others will come in for first-year training. Free Will Baptists are a conservative people, and our Bible School is definitely conservative. It is conservative doctrinally; it is conservative socially; it is conservative financially. An investment in the training of Christian workers is the best investment any Christian can make.

The Unified Program Fund and the Auxiliary Fund will be recognized as a source of support to all of our enterprises. From these two sources there has gone during the first six months of the year $2,085.09. Please observe that most of the states have contributed some amount through these channels. On a comparative

basis it should be noted that our National Treasurer, brother Van-Hoose, paid to the treasurers of those boards which received the Unified Fund last year $2,169.05, and that he has paid to those treasurers during the first six months of this year $1,-322.15. (For whom it may concern, may I report that the Executive Department received a total of $1,200.-00 during the half-year.) The Auxiliary Treasurer reported receipts in the amount of $977.42 last year and $333.53 for the first half of this year. I have no doubt that the amount raised last year will more than be equaled this year. Blessings on women's work.

As one reviews the last item in the financial report, a worthy sense of achievement may justly be enjoyed. A credible balance is found in all of our treasuries, totaling $4,377.33.

Free Will Baptists have a plenty of money, and they are revealing their Christian devotion by the use which they make of it. The place and right to live as a Christian denomination is exhibited in our service to a lost world. Money is a means to an end and not the end in itself.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association together with the Foreign Mission Board and the Trustees of the Bible School will meet in joint session in the Bible School at 10:00 A. M., April 13. Recommendations for the good of all of our national work will be gratefully accepted from anyone.—L. R. E.

THE LOVE OF GOD

(Note: This tract is a paraphrase of the parable as told by Jesus in Luke 15).

Then drew near all the bootleggers and prostitutes to hear him. And the circumspect people sneered: "This fellow is a crony of the toughs."

And he spoke this parable unto them, saying: "What man of you having 100 sheep, if he loses one doesn't leave the 99 on the range and go after the lost one till he finds it. And when he has found it he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he gets home he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you that likewise there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repents more than over 99 well-behaved people who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having a string of ten beads, if she loses one bead, doesn't light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it. And when she has found it she calls her friends and neighbors together and says to them, 'Rejoice with me for I have found the bead which I had lost.' Likewise I say to you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents."

He continued: "A certain man had two sons, and the younger son said, 'Dad, give me now the share of the estate that is to be mine.' And he divided to them his property. Soon after that the younger son packed up all his belongings, and started out to see the world. He flew pretty high. When he had spent all his cash, that part of the world was hit with a big depression, and he was up against it good and plenty. He finally landed a job feeding hogs. It was one which to him was the most loathsome possible. And he was in such a wretched condition that he could have easily eaten out of the hog trough, but no one showed him any friendliness.

"When he came to his senses he began to think of his father and how well he used his hired help. 'And I am starving. I'll go home and tell him how I have disgraced him; that I am not fit to be called his son, but ask him to give me a job on the place.'

"And so he made his way home. But while he was still far from the house his father saw him, and, choking with emotion, rushed to meet him, threw his arms around him, and smothered him with kisses.

"But the boy interrupted with, 'Dad, I am ashamed of what I have done. I have sinned against God and disgraced you. I'm not fit to be known as a son of yours.' But his father paid no attention to what he said but called some of the help and began individually to give orders. 'You fit him out with the best clothes we have in the house,' 'You put on him that ring I prize so much,' 'You fit him with shoes,' 'You butcher the best calf we have in the barn; and let's have a big time tonight for this son of mine who was dead has come to life again; he was lost, but has come home.' And the old ranch began to move lively."

"Now, the older son who had been away on business came dashing up in his limousine, and, seeing the house all lighted up, hearing music and dancing, he called a man to learn what it was all about. When he discovered that his brother had come home, and that the father was doing everything for him, maybe you think he wasn't angry. He wouldn't even go into the house. So his father came out and begged him to join the fun.

"But he said, 'All these years I've worked for you; I've always obeyed your slightest wish, and yet you never gave me so much as a kid so that I could have a good time with my friends, but as soon as this son of yours comes home after squandering your property with prostitutes you kill for him the best calf in the barn.'

"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all I have is yours. It's the proper thing to give this brother of yours a grand reception, for he was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and has come back home."

The latter part of the above parable spoken by Jesus Christ is commonly called, The Parable of the Prodigal Son; should it not rather be called, The Parable of the Obedient Son?

Wm. M. Carle
Lake Creek, Ore.

—Selected.

The Sunday School Exchange

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Winterville, North Carolina

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1943

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Raymond T. Sasser, President
Rev. Chester Pelt, Director of Music
Rev. L. E. Ballard, Host Pastor
Mrs. Chester Pelt, Recording Secretary

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THEME: "Daring to Defy Difficulties!"
TEXT: "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."—II Tim. 2: 3.
HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"
AIM: "Victory Through Christ."

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9:00—Registration (Convention Officer's Conference)
9:30—Opening Assembly, Congregational Singing, Invocation
9:45—Welcome Address: Miss Genivre Hines, Sec. Winterville S. S.
—Response and Remarks by presiding officer
9:55—Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"
10:00—Introductory Business Session: Selection of Temporary Committees, etc.
10:15—Second Year's Work in the "Three Year Program of Progress"—Rev. R. P. Harris, Dir. of Organization
10:35—Institute-Forum, "Facing War Time Problems of the Sunday School"—Rev. L. E. Ballard, Dir. of Publicity
11:25—Hymn :"Loyalty to Christ"
11:30—Convention Message: "The Challenge of Difficulties," Rev. W. A. Hales, Pastor St. Paul F. W. B. Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.
12:00—Lunch and Social Recreation
1:00—Congregational Singing and Devotions
1:10—"Crippled Joe and the Sunday School," a short Drama, directed by L. E. Ballard
1:25—General Business Session: Report of S. S. Camp Committee, by Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman; Report of Field Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Ballard; Reports of Convention Directors; National S. S. Convention Report; Miscellaneous Business
2:15—Hymn: "Work for the Night Is Coming"
2:20—Institute-Forum, "What the Sunday Schools Can Do for Their Young People in the Service"—Rev. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary N. C. State Association
2:50—Special Music
3:00—Final Business Session: Reports of Temporary Committees, Motions, Resolutions, Election of Officers
3:20—Convention Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"
3:25—Prayer and Meditation
3:30—Adjournment of Convention

Friday Evening

8:00—"Our Church At Work," a moving picture in colors, showing our Orphanage, School, Conventions, etc., in action, presented by Rev. J. C. Griffin, sponsored by the Convention. No admission charged.

REV. J. J. STAAB—AN ARDENT WORKER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

For many years some have said "The Free Will Baptist ought to have a church in Birmingham, Ala." I will almost say they would do anything to see it come to pass. Some of our preachers have evangelized around the edge of the great city, but to undertake to set up a church seemed to be too much of a task for some that hoped to see it come true.

Rev. Staab

Only a few years ago the Lord laid it on the heart of the Rev. J. J. Staab to establish a Free Will Baptist Church in Birmingham. Right in heart of North Birmingham, Bro. Staab opened a real soul stirring revival that turned many people to the Lord and the Free Will Baptist way of worship. All four broadcasting stations of Birmingham have been very courteous in having Bro. Staab to speak over them which has been means of making Bro. Staab more widely known. His good people stayed with him, with faith in God, and a zeal to see the great cause go on.

After the first church was organized in North Birmingham, a nice brick building was rented in which to continue services. A good Sunday school was started which is still in progress. The little church began to grow. They have started on the system of Tithing. A fund was kept for the purpose of building. A lot was purchased on the most beautiful spot in North Birmingham.

The Free Will Baptist soon began to be recognized in the city. The church was almost ready to be built on the lot when the war broke out,

but advanced prices in materials have delayed the building. We are still hoping to see a beautiful building erected on it, as soon as the ban on materials is raised. Bro. Staab is losing no time in evangelizing in other sections of the city where there are good prospects of churches being established.

Some of the nurses in the most prominent Hospitals are Free Will Baptists. Some business and clerical men are found to be Free Will Baptists also.

If God permits time and strength, I believe He will show us some great things He can do in Birmingham with Bro. Staab, and his good Christian workers.

Bro. Staab is the moderator of the Ala. Association.

For years we have heard different ones pray for God to help us in getting an Orphan Home, a home for our aged ministers, a school or college of our very own. Yes, the Lord has given us the answer. Today the Free Will Baptist of Alabama own three of the most beautiful buildings in the state, sufficient for the above purposes.

We pray God to give us more men like Bro. Staab and his good workers to keep pressing the battle against sin and the Devil.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
William H. Ryland,
Special friend of Brother Staab

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

(From Morehead City, N. C.)

Dear Co-Workers:

You will see from this report that I am now in North Carolina. When we left Georgia, we came to Durham, North Carolina and visited with Brother Pelt and his church people. We certainly can report good spiritual work going there. At the evening services two small girls came forward and accepted Christ and joined the church. We felt the presence of Christ in a marvelous way. Brother and Sister Pelt are doing a splendid work there.

Next, we visited Brother Rivenbark's church at Sheron Acres, and was there for one service. One young lady was reclaimed and two children were converted. We learned that the good women had a new auxiliary circle organized. They took the Chest and the entire church took 44 Penny-A-Day banks. These are certainly a fine spiritual people. Their pastor is doing a fine work there.

While in Durham, we met Brother Godwin, the pastor of the Rocky Mount church. While the church is not strong in numbers, it has some faithful workers. While there we had one conversion. The women took a Chest and accepted the Penny-A-Day banks. We found that all three of these churches are supporting the National Program.

It was our privilege when we left Rocky Mount to be present for a Committee meeting in Ayden where we met a number of the good pastors, who have arranged services for us. From Ayden we went to Greenville for two services, and found them still rejoicing over the wonderful victory we had there around Christmas. Our report was lost in the mails of that meeting which told of the Goldsboro and Greenville meetings. At Greenville we had 42 conversions, and at Goldsboro there were 14 conversions. We were very sorry that this report did not get in the Baptist paper, for it was the best yet.

On Sunday before we left Greenville, we taught Sister Herman Nobles' Sunday School class, and two of the young ladies were converted. We then went over to the town of Winterville to join Brother and Sister Ballard in their days' worship. It was indeed a wonderful day. The services were sweet and spiritual throughout the day. Most of the afternoon was spent in visiting sick members of this church. It is also supporting the National Program. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Ballard and their noble work at Winterville.

We next visited the Bridgeton Church in the town of Bridgeton, North Carolina. The Bridgeton auxiliary is one hundred percent behind all of our National Work. From there Sister J. C. Griffin took us to the Third Auxiliary Circle with the New Bern Church where she was closing out her last lesson on "Soul Winning." I was called on to speak on our rewards, and I did not get very far, for it seemed that I should stress the importance of the acceptance of Christ. So, I asked if there was anyone who wanted to be saved, and three women were reclaimed, and one converted. We had a real revival. I am sure Sister Griffin felt well repaid for her loyal service to this new group of women. This Circle took a Chest which makes three chests now in the New Bern Church. We held services in the New Bern Church that night, but the weather was so rainy that the attendance was very small. While we do not see much in our church papers about their pastor, Brother W. B. Everett, he is wide awake for the National work. It was a great joy to have had the privilege to visit in the homes of Sister Griffin and Sister Lupton, two of our National officers.

While on this trip to New Bern, we did not see Brother Griffin but very little, as he was out visiting the churches in the interest of the State and National work. He has a splendid "Picture Projector System" which he is using in presenting to our people the State and National work. We recommend this work to our people because it is a means of enlightening the people on what we have in the way of a Bible School, the Orphanage, etc.

We went to Morehead City Church and had a fine service, but had to cut the service short on the account of a "blackout" which came on at 8:45 P. M. We are planning to visit on March 25 the Eastern Auxiliary of the Eastern North Carolina Conference. It is to meet with the Kinston Church. Let us pray for a great success in that meeting, and in all of our conventions throughout the entire State. Please pray for us to continue to have great victory in our work.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

P. S.—Those desiring to write to me, may address their mail to Ayden, North Carolina in care of the Free Will Baptist Press.

Subscribe to The Baptist

St. Claire Bible Class

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PETER AND JOHN WITNESS CHRIST'S GLORY

(Lesson for April 11)

Lesson: Mk. 9: 2-8; II Pet. 1: 16-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And a Voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: hear Him" (Mk. 9: 7).

This is the second of three occasions on which God spoke in audible tones in recognition of His son. The first time was at His baptism when He recognized Him and said that He was well pleased with Him. Here He recognizes Him as His Son and bids the disciples to hear Him. On the last occasion Jesus was facing the cross, and, in answer to His prayer, the Father confessed His glory in His Son.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The transfiguration of Christ should be sufficient evidence of his super-natural power, of his mediatorship between God and man, and of his boundless grace for lost souls that everyone would believe on him as their personal Saviour. The whole scene upon the Mount, and all that took place there should convince rational-minded people of the divine power of God and of the existence of saints in heaven. No God-loving individual can doubt this wonderful truth which is revealed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' Blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name!

"On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand."

Let our emphasis be upon the words: "This is My beloved Son: hear Him." It is for Christ to speak the final and authoritative word. From what He says, there is no court of appeals. He taught as one "Having authority." The Father's stamp of approval was upon Him and His words. He was so utterly at one with the Father that He could do nothing without the Father. To merely hear Him is not enough. We must heed Him; we must obey Him. We are His friends only if we do whatsoever He commands: "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (Jas. 1: 22). Read Mat. 7: 21-23; John 13: 34.)

II. Home Work

1. In what was Jesus engaged when He was transfigured? (Lu. 9: 29).

2. On what other momentous occasions were Peter, James, and John associated with Jesus? (Mk. 5: 37; 14: 33).

3. Did the disciples actually hear the voice of God speaking? (II Pet. 1: 17, 18).

4. Where did John in his writings refer to this experience? (John 1: 14).

5. About what did Moses and Elijah converse with the Lord Jesus? (Lu. 9: 31).

6. Why was it well that Jesus did not stay on the mountaintop as Peter requested? (Mk. 9: 14-29).

7. What is better, to have Jesus only, or to have everything else without Him? (Rom. 8: 32).

8. Had Jesus ever been glorified before? (John 17: 5).

9. Why did Jesus lay aside that glory? (Phil. 2: 7, 8; II Cor. 8: 9).

10. Will every true believer on Jesus Christ be glorified in the future? (Phil. 3: 20, 21; Rom. 8: 18; II Cor. 4: 17).

11. Compare the visions of Isaiah and John—Is. 6: 1-8; Rev. 1: 10-20.

12. Recall the facts of the leaving of earth by Moses and Elijah—Deu. 34: 1-7, 10; II Ki. 2: 9-11, 15-18.

13. Mountaintop experiences — mount of testing—Gen. 22: 1-18; of Law-giving—Exo. 19: 3-6, 20; 20: 1-17; 24: 12, 13; of decision—I Ki. 18: 19-39; of teaching—Mat. 5: 1, 2; read passages from chaps. 5; 6; 7; of prayer—Mat. 14: 23; Lu. 6: 12; 9: 28; of salvation—Lu. 23: 33-46; of commission—Mk. 3: 13-19; Mat. 28: 16-20.

14. Study the lesson material in our quarterlies as part of your form work. Prayer at home makes the class period profitable.

III. Lesson Illustrated

A missionary related her experience in securing a servant for her home. One day a well-dressed Chinese lady came and stated her desire to serve. The missionary demurred, for she wanted someone to make beds, scrub floors, and wash clothes. The lady said that she understood. Somewhat mystified, the missionary hired her. She proved a splendid servant, attended all the meetings, and taught other women to read. On one occasion the missionary, after knocking, entered her room. The servant seemed embarrassed, and acted as if she were hiding some small object. Some days later the same thing happened. Before long she revealed her secret. "Oh, Madam," she exclaimed. "It's coming! The light on my face! I used to see the Christians on their way to the chapel. I noticed how bright their faces were. I wanted that light for myself and thought if I came to work for you I could get some of it. My husband tells me the light is coming, and I was looking in this little mirror to see." Not only did the light show on her face, but the Light shone in her heart. She became a bright and active Christian.—Adapted from China's Millions.

"Fix your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wondrous face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
As you look on His beauty and grace!"

"Help somebody to-day,
Somebody along life's way;
Let sorrow be ended,
The friendless befriended,
O help somebody to-day!"

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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REPORT OF AUXILIARY COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

Since we are new in the work of the Lord, may we have some space in the Baptist paper to let the people know that we are trying to serve the best we can in the Master's cause. We were organized as an auxiliary in December by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

We had our first meeting with Mrs. Joe Allen which was well attended, and since then the interest has grown rapidly. Our last meeting was with Miss Eva House on March 8, with eleven members present and one new member added to the list. Our scripture reading was taken from Psalm 33, and it was followed by a chain of prayers by different members of the society. After this, our lesson on "Missions" was studied, and a reading was given by Miss House on the subject: "One of the Needs which Affects our Missionary Efforts."

There was asked a question, How can we create more interest in our Bible study? It was suggested by one present that we should study a book each month, beginning with the Book of Matthew. It was also suggested that we have questions and blanks to fill out on this book at each meeting. Following this discussion, the benediction was offered, since we had no further business to transact.

The delicious refreshments served by the hostess were delicious. Here's hoping that each Christian will be very much in prayer for our growth in the work for the Master.

Mrs. Letcher Fields, President
Mrs. Raymon Crossby, Secretary

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LaGRANGE AID REPORT

The Aid society of LaGrange Church, North Carolina, met in the home of Mrs. Joe Hill on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. The meeting was opened with the song, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Sentence prayers were then offered by different members. Then followed the scripture reading of the lesson which was read by the president, Mrs. Ada Measley. Different members discussed the lesson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll was called by the secretary. Plans for painting the church in April were made, and each member is asked to raise as much money as possible for this purpose. It was decided to give our eldest member (77 years old) a surprise birthday party on Tuesday night.

Aid Activities

Daily Bible readers	4
Bible chapters read	119
Total dues paid	$4.59
Trays taken to the sick	5
Sick visits	32
Quarts of milk given to the needy	11
Pounds of butter given	2
Made bandages for the Red Cross	12,000

Our Aid members meet every Wednesday night at the Red Cross center to make bandages. There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer offered in unison. We are to meet with Mrs. N. H. Williams in April. The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, Secretary

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GUM NECK AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Gum Neck F. W. B. Church, North Carolina, met in its regular monthly meeting with ten members present. The meeting opened with hymn. We were then led in prayer by Mrs. Clara Parisher and Mrs. Dorcas Meekins. The scripture reading was given by Mrs. Lillie Liverman.

The business session then was entered into by calling the roll and paying dues with each member answering to his name by a verse of scripture from the Bible.

Financial Statement

Paid out for adopted child at Orphanage	$20.00
For Foreign Missions	4.12
For Superannuation	3.05
For paint for the church	9.00
Total paid out	$36.17

The meeting closed with Mrs. Covie Weatherly pronouncing the benediction.

Mrs. Arlene Jones,
President,
Mrs. Armanda Parisher,
Secretary

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AID CIRCLES MEET

The Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle, and the W. L. Jernigan Circle of the St. Paul's F. W. B. Church of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, met on March 15 at the church in a joint session. Mrs. J. F. Wallace was in Charge of the March Program, which was given from the Program Book. The Bible reading was taken from Psalm 33: 12-15. The program proved to have been a good one and interesting to all present.

Miss Grace Watson rendered a solo entitled, "Help Somebody Today." The different topics were taken by the following members: Mrs. E. W. Basnight, Miss Ruth Jennings, Mrs. Fred Spring, Mrs. J. K. Swain, Miss Elizabeth Eason. Then, Reverend W. A. Hales gave us a talk on mission work which was enjoyed by all.

There were seventeen members present, one new member was added to our list, and two visitors present. We were dismissed by Mrs. J. W. Copeland. We are asking the Christian people to pray that we may grow in the work of our Master.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler, Secretary

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REPORT OF DEEP RUN AID SOCIETY

The Deep Run Aid society of Deep Run F. W. B. Church, North Carolina, held its meeting in the church in

March. Mrs. Elton Harper, the president, presided over the meeting. A song was sung, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," and Mrs. Ruthie Hardison and Mrs. J. J. Blizzard were in charge of the devotions.

The scripture lesson was taken from Psalm 33. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Blizzard. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was then called with 16 members present. The dues collected were $5.45. The treasurer reported $19.72 on hand in the treasury. The delegates were appointed to the convention which is to be held with the Kinston Church. They were Miss Katie Smith and Mrs. Ruthie Hardison.

Twenty ($20.00) dollars were paid to Fifth Vice-President for the clothing for our adopted girl at the Orphanage. We made a donation to the Red Cross. It was decided in February for the members to save money from their Sunday eggs for missions. Four vases of flowers were given to the sick during the past month. We received a new member in our society at this meeting.

Since there was no further business to transact, we had a song and the benediction was pronounced by the president, Mrs. Rachel Davenport. Mrs. Tulley Hill served refreshments.

Mrs. Ruthie Hardison, Secretary

Boys and Girls Corner

WHERE IS GOLIATH?

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou dost care,
That Thou my Shepherd art,
That Thou wilt listen as I pray,
And still my troubled heart.

"Have you seen Goliath this morning?" Davie asked Aunt Agatha from the back porch, his nose against the screen door.

"No, I haven't. Can't you find him?"

"No, I've whistled and called him, and he doesn't come." Davie looked rather sick. "Where is Uncle Timothy?"

"In the garage, I believe. Breakfast will be ready in fifteen minutes, Davie. Would you tell Uncle Timothy?"

"Yes," sighed Davie, "I'll tell him."

"Uncle Timothy," said Davie to someone making a lot of noise underneath the car in the garage, "Uncle Timothy, Goliath can't be found."

"He can't?" and Uncle Timothy wriggled out from under the car, and sat up straight.

"No," said Davie, and then after a few seconds, "I guess he is lost," and a little later, "or stolen."

Davie explained it all to Uncle Timothy as they went back to the cabin for breakfast. The gloom that filled the hearts of Debbie and Davie at breakfast was such that even Uncle Timothy's attemps to make them laugh fell very flat.

"Perhaps we could offer a reward for Goliath," suggested Mr. Bird. "If he was stolen someone would be likely to want the money badly enough to return him."

"We could stop by the police station this morning when we go down to the village," said Aunt Agatha. "If he ran away, the police might have caught him. They watch out for stray dogs."

"Goliath," explained Debbie very politely, "is not a stray dog. He is our dog."

"I know a better way," said Grandma, and everybody looked at her expectantly. "Let us ask our heavenly Father to return Goliath, if he's lost, or if he is stolen to help us find him."

"Why of course, Grandma!" exclaimed Uncle Timothy. "We should have done that right away."

When breakfast was over, they pushed back their chairs from the table for family worship. Mr. Bird read the Scripture:

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou are with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

Uncle Timothy prayed: "Our Father, We thank Thee for the Lord Jesus Christ who is our Shepherd. We thank Thee that He watches over the sheep in His pasture, and doth feed and care for each one. We commit ourselves to Thee this day, and pray that Thou wilt keep us in Thy pastures. Make each one of us a blessing today, and help us to bring only honor and praise to Thy Name. We do ask Thee to bring back to us our dog. We thank Thee that Thou art interested in even the small things of our lives, and we do believe that Thou wilt answer this prayer that our faith might be made stronger, and that we might learn to trust Thee for all things. In Jesus Name, we pray, Amen."

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Every one except Grandma went down to the village. Uncle Timothy and Debbie and Miss Brown were in the car, without the trailer. Davie and Aunt Agatha and Mr. and Mrs. Bird were in the Bird car. The road was narrow and dusty, but on either side tall pine trees "marched" down the mountain side. The two cars bounced to a stop at the intersection of the main road, waiting for traffic to thin out. Suddenly Davie leaped to his feet, yelled after a ramshackle Ford touring car, and waved his handshands frantically and yelled: "There's Goliath! Right in that car! There he is! I saw him. Oh, hurry, hurry—please catch that man!"

Quickly both Mr. Bird and Uncle Timothy pulled out onto the main highway, and sped after the fast dis-

appearing Ford. The old age of the Ford made it possible for the others to overtake it, and as they drove up along side, they honked their horns for the other driver to slow down and stop.

Davie and Debbie wiggled and squirmed until the cars came to a standstill. They jumped out of the cars and onto the running board of the old touring car where Goliath was barking hilariously. "Wait a minute," protested the driver. "What's this mean? This is my dog! What do you want?"

"You say he is your dog?" asked Uncle Timothy, while the twins were hugging and pulling Goliath's ears in happy reunion.

"He sure is," said the man. "I raised him from a pup."

"Did he run away from you?" insisted Uncle Timothy. "You see we found him about a hundred miles from here. We went to the police station, and they told us he didn't belong to any one, but had been hanging around for weeks. They were glad for us to take him, and under the circumstances we felt he belonged to us."

"Well, he don't," growled the stranger. "I was down visitin' my sister over Elston way about a month ago. Had Alexander—that's the dog—with me, and comin' home I stopped for lunch. He didn't stay by the car, and so I couldn't wait for him, and had to leave him there."

"Then you don't want him?" asked Mr. Bird.

"Sure I want him."

"But you didn't wait for him,—you went off and left him," said Uncle Timothy.

"That doesn't matter. I found him, and I mean to keep him," said the man angrily.

"Where did you find him?" asked Mr. Bird.

"Back up that mountain road a mile back. Was comin' down this morning right early, and I saw him on the road, so I just picked him up and brought him along—and I mean to keep him. Besides I'm in a hurry, and I can't sit here and talk to you all day."

Uncle Timothy looked the man squarely in the eyes until the stranger shifted his glance to the dog, to the steering wheel, to his watch, and then carelessly back to Uncle Timothy.

"What would you take for the dog?" asked Uncle Timothy.

"You'd buy him, eh?" the man plainly was interested.

"I might," said Uncle Timothy slowly.

"Well, I dunno," the man hesitated.

"I'll give you five dollars for the dog," offered Uncle Timothy.

"Not enough," snapped the man in the Ford car. "He's a pretty good dog."

"We think so," answered Uncle Timothy. "But I think five dollars is a fair sum for a dog that you care so little about as to leave him stranded in a strange town."

"Make it ten dollars. I might sell him for ten dollars," demanded the man.

"I said five dollars," and Uncle Timothy put his hand in his pocket and counted out five one dollar bills.

"Sold," snapped the stranger.

Mr. Bird turned to the twins and said: "Jump in—the dog is yours, this time for keeps. I guess that is getting your prayers answered, now isn't it?"

"It certainly is, Mr. Bird," grinned Davie.

Nothing would do but for Davie and Debbie and the dog all to be together, and so they crowded into the Bird car. Uncle Timothy talked to the man in the Ford for nearly ten minutes, and gave him some leaflets. What a happy group they were as they went back up the mountain road singing at the top of their voices. The trip to the village had been forgotten. It somehow didn't seem important now that Goliath had been found,—the mail would have to wait.

Debbie and Davie both told Grandma about finding Goliath, both talking at once, and hanging on to Goliath's tail.

"I'm sure I'm as happy as you are children," Grandma said. "Have you thanked the Lord for answering your prayers?"

"No," said Davie. 'Not yet."

Everybody bowed their heads while Davie prayed: "We thank Thee Lord for bringing back Goliath. Amen."

Miss Brown started singing, and the others joined in, making the cabin walls ring with praise:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

SOUL WINNING, THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION

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Christ by Philip showing him the way.

God's word says, "seek and ye shall find." If Philip had not known God and His holy word, he could not have taught this man the thing he was seeking. He could not have told him of Jesus and His love for lost souls. If we are to be fishers of men, we, too, must learn God's word—really know Him as our personal Saviour. We are to launch out into the deep, and be really fishers of sinful men, and win souls for Christ. By so-doing, we can come into personal contact with lost souls by the scripture method. May we study God's word, therefore, so that we may be soul winners for Jesus through His holy Word, the Bible.

Our prayer is that, during the Week of Prayer, we may come into contact with lost souls, and lead them to Christ during our nights of worship together. May we really pray for lost souls, and try to win them to Jesus.

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PERRY. Irwin J. Perry was born on September 14, 1908, and on his thirty-fourth birthday on January 25, 1943, he laid down his armor and went Home to stay with Jesus.

He was married on November 3, 1935 to Miss Charlie Mae Cleveland, and to this union was born one daughter, Ann, who came to bless their home in April, 1938.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Catrett, and assisted by Reverend Liddell, at Liberty Church, on January 26, 1943. His body was laid to rest under a mound of beautiful flowers which bespeak the love and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

We miss you Irwin, your fellowship sweet,
But God above your spirit will keep;
'Till we at last have run our race,
Then we shall see you face to face.
—Written by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Catrett

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FOLKS. The Lord called Ruby Mae Folks away from this world of sorrow and pain, February 13, 1943; making her stay on earth 55 years, 8 months, and 10 days. We feel our loss and Heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn their loss: her husband, Elbert Folks of Iola, three sons of Houston, R. E. W. H., and E. A. Folks, a daughter, Mrs. B. C. Steadman of Brazoria, a sister, Mrs. W. F. McDuffie, Iola, two brothers, Plumer Franklin of Bryan, Texas, Cavitt Franklin of Maysville, Oklahoma.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. W. Smith and assisted by Rev. D. C. Hargroves. The body was laid to rest in Cross Cemetery.

—Written by her niece, Hattie Lou McDuffie, Iola, Texas.

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Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

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"His will be done," we say with sighs and trembling.
Expecting trial, bitter loss and tears;
And then how doth He answer us with blessings
In sweet rebuking of our faithless fears.

God's will is peace and plenty and the power
To be and have the best that He can give,
A mind to serve Him and a heart to love Him,
The faith to die with and the strength to live.

It means for us all good, all grace, all glory,
His kingdom coming and on earth begun,
Why should we fear to say: "His will—His righteous,
His tender, loving, joyous will—be done"?

—Annie Johnson Flint

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EDITORIAL

MAN'S FAITH IN GOD—

"In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Ps. 56: 11).

The Psalmist has declared in this verse his submission to Almighty God. He was assured of God's divine care and protection of his life. He had come to the place in his life where he realized that God only could sustain him and be his Counselor and Comforter.

Furthermore, with such implicit trust in God, the Psalmist was no longer afraid of the things men might do unto him. He looked to God for protection and guidance as he went among men. Though they be critical of him and envious of his station in life, the Psalmist entertained no fear of the consequences at the hands of his opponents.

Such was true of men like John the Baptist, Stephen, Paul, Martin Luther, John Huss, Calvin, and many others, who were persecuted severely by the bitter opponents of the Christian faith, but they clung to God and his righteousness, and feared not what sinful men might do to their mortal bodies.

More men of such Christian character and spiritual zeal are needed today in the world. They would do great good in combating the forces of sin and Satan in the world. Their Christian fortitude, patience and zealous works for the glory of God would be the means of turning many people to the Christian way of life. If such devout characters, and untiring workers were to be found in large numbers among the people both in the rural centers of population and in the cities over this country, the American people as a whole would become more aroused to their Christian duty toward the other races of the world.

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MAN'S INTEREST IN MAN—

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jon. 15: 13).

It was Christ's command that men should love one another as He had loved them. As all men are the creation of God as His highest of creatures, and since they possess the likeness of their heavenly Father, they should manifest a great concern, and interest in one another. Though they differ in mental traits or physical abilities, and in their views of many matters of concern, and in their social, financial or political aspects of life, yet they are to be concerned about the spiritual welfare of one another. That is what Christ wanted them to do. He said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (Jon. 15: 12).

The man who gave up his prosperous business to preach and teach the Word of God unto lost souls showed a special interest in his fellow man. The brilliant young lawyer who quit his law practice, and rendered a long life of Christian service, as an outstanding evangelist, and who was the means of converting thousands of lost souls to the Christian way of living, was a man who manifested the spirit of love and great interest in his fellow man. The charming young woman, who was willing to sacrifice the comforts and the pleasantness of a lovely home, the wealth of the parents, and the happy relationships of her many friends and loved ones to enter the heathen lands to preach and teach the Gospel of Christ, certainly manifested a great interest in lost humanity.

We are told that "love begets love; interest begets interest; and like begets like." Accordingly, the gospel minister who is true and who shows an interest in the people whom he serves as their devoted pastor soon discovers their interest growing for him. The Sunday School teacher who loves her pupils and takes an interest in teaching, in a most unique way the Bible stories to them, will find her pupils deeply interested in her.

How striking it is, God first showed His love to fallen man by sending His beloved Son to show His interest and love for all mankind. He was willing to labor for them, to heal them, to teach them the right way of life, and to sacrifice His life for them. Man is commanded, therefore, to love his fellow man and to be interested in his spiritual welfare. If he be in sin, show him the way to God; if he be in sorrow, seek to comfort him; if he be sick and in poverty, help him with material blessings. Love him with consoling words, give him the assurance of God's love with the gospel truths, satisfy his hunger with food, and quiet his pain with medicines. That is what man is to do to show an interest and love for his fellow man.

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MAN'S PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY—

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7b).

The Apostle Paul preached the doctrine of "individual responsibility." The person of sound mind is held accountable before God for his misdeeds, whether committed against himself or others. He may take the name of God in vain, harden his heart, disbelieve in Christ as the Saviour of sinful men; but God will hold him responsible for his personal sins. Likewise, while he is commended for the good things he does in this life unto his fellow man, he is nevertheless condemned by the heavenly Father for his evil practices before the world. He is responsible for the commitment of his misdeeds unto his neighbor, friend or stranger within his gates, when he does such things knowingly and wilfully that he might obtain personal gain or satisfaction unto himself. Such was true of king Ahab and queen Jezebell; Gehazi, the servant of Elisha; king Pharaoh of Egypt and many others as examples found in the Scriptures. Their misdeeds unto others brought upon themselves God's wrath and severe punishment. The same will be true with others who fail to manifest the spirit of correct relationships with mankind, but who wilfully perform inhuman acts unto others.

True Religion

By Rev. C. J. Harris
Greenville, N. C.

True religion has its origin from God. He made man in His own image, and in His likeness, and for His glory. He breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and he became a "living soul." God has given to all human beings a soul. And the soul is the life of man. All nations, kindreds and tongues are inclined to be religious. True religion tends to God's glory, and where it rules supremely there is peace and tranquil joy.

Religion is defined by a distinguished author as, "An acknowledgment of our obligation to God, accompanied by a feeling of reverence and love, godliness; devotion." Persons who love and fear God have a natural tendency of mind toward religion. They seek to be pious; devout; devoted by vows of faith to a life of Christian service, and, thus, leads to that life which is hid with God in Christ.

Religion is the only sure foundation of virtue; and what is any human being, young or old, rich or poor, without virtue? Can he be trusted, respected, confided in, or loved? Religion is the only sure index of duty; and how can anyone pursue an even, or a reputable course, without rules and without principles? Religion is a true guide to happiness; and who is there so hardy as to assume the tremendous responsibility of withholding those instructions and consolations which dispel doubt, soothe afflictions, make the bed of sickness easier, and open the gates of an effulgent futurity.

It has been well said, "Morality without religion is only a kind of dead reckoning—an endeavor to find our place on a cloudy sea by measuring the distance we have to turn, but without any observation of the heavenly bodies." Its power lies not in legislature, but in persuasion; and more profoundly by the principles taught in the Bible and put in action. Action always speaks louder than words. The Christian philosopher walks by faith which has a propeling power, urging forward to life and immorality. Hence, he beholds the fair fields of Paradise, and the city of God that hath twelve foundations, and he walks calmly down life's decline, saying, "Thou hast shown to me the path of life."

A celebrated writer of much distinction has said: "A nation's intellectual progress has always followed —not preceded—some moral impulse. The history of the fine arts shows that some form of religion gave them their earliest impulse. There has never been genius but has been inspired in some sense by religion. The thoughts of the intellect are lofty in proportion as the sentiments of the heart are profound. If we begin the attempt to improve men with the intellect, we end where we began. Education will not remove corruption. It may guild vice, as in ancient Rome and Athens, but will not uproot it. A godless education has no power to purify. Instruction in morality has also failed to regenerate. No man does his duty simply because he knows it; unless he loves it; nor are political and social changes effective. Social evil has its root in the individual heart, and cannot be removed, except by influences operating within it. This fountain of man's corruption must be purified in order to correct social vice."

A very brilliant writer has truthfully said: "Religion means having a great and worthy interest at the center of our lives, which gives meaning to the whole of them. Being religious means that the essential and eternal part of us is coming into life, and it almost necessarily follows then that the other parts of our personalities slip into their proper places. It means having an object for our affections more than worthy of all our deepest emotions, and more than able to fill our empty hearts. Religion in the early days of life is generally very emotional. I believe that that is perfectly right and natural, provided we also make efforts to be sincere and to love the truth. Because it is emotional, its value as an outlet for feeling is very great. It does not remain at its emotional level. Later on there comes an inevitable change when many think, quite wrongly, that they are losing their religion. But at the stage I am thinking of, religion naturally and normally expresses itself in intense feeling. We are all hero worshippers at that stage of life. Hero worshipping, however, is apt to get us into trouble, for our heroes fail us in time. The one perfect hero who never fails us is Christ. He alone never disappoints, and to love Him is to have all the nobler chords in our beings set in motion. We are sure to despair of ever becoming worthy of Him. But no leader of men was ever so willing to take us as we are and make the best of us. To be near Him may mean being made to feel deeply ashamed. In His presence we are sure to feel small and mean. But that also is a good thing, for in spite of it He loves us. In other directions we seek with longing to find love, and often fail. With Him we may be quite sure of finding love. And goes on loving to the end.

Being loved by Him does at last draw out that best in us. Inevitably we begin to want to be more worthy —to serve and love others for His sake—to know and love the truth—to find and worship beauty in holiness. And that means having a life full of splendid and worthy interests.

Emotional muddles may, in fact, be the lot of most of us for a while. But if at the center of them all there is an honest love for Christ, they cannot overwhelm us; and in the long run we are sure to emerge into the life that has both peace and power in it."

True religion emanates from the Spirit of an indwelling of God. Without which terror and death would prevail. Without His all-penetrating and diffused light, What is the soul of man? Religion would be an empty

science, a dead letter, a system unauthorized and uninfluencing, and the soul a trackless wilderness, a howling waste, full of evil, of terror, and dismay, and would be ever racked with realizing anticipations of successive and permanent misery.

Religion is defined to be "inward piety of the heart, whereby God is truly acknowledged, feared, and loved, and which includes persons to perform all duties of love or charity towards those that are in distress.'

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1: 27). Hence, when the ear hears of Him, it will bless Him; when the eye sees Him, it will bear witness of Him; and when the blessing of Him who was ready to perish comes, they will come upon the donor. "For inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," said Jesus, the Holy One.

Therefore, the soul that lives and moves in the bright sunshine of God's eternal truth, is truly in an elevated position. While others are gravely in the darkness of sin and error, He looks upward and around him; his vision is extended; he beholds the goodness of God about him. By an eye of faith, he sees the New Jerusalem, the City of God, the fair fields of Paradise, and the Tree of Life.

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The Editor,

Free Will Baptist Paper,
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Dear Sir:

A few days ago I received a very nice letter from Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of your Orphanage at Middlesex. I spent 10 years of my happy childhood there. I will never forget the many happy days I spent in that fine Institution. Neither will I ever forget the kindness of the people of the Free Will Baptist denomination for seeing to it that I was well taken care of when I was unable to care for myself. I think that each child that was given the wonderful opportunity of spending his childhood under such fine influence, and receiving the care and training offered at the orphanage owes a debt of gratitude to the people responsible for it. Now that we have reached maturity we should repay that kindness by seeing to it that other children in the same position we once were in have the same opportunity that we had. I hope that all the former children, and all the people of our denomination will rally behind the orphanage during these trying times as they have never done before, and see to it that the Orphanage that has provided a home for so many will not only continue to operate, but will actually make advancement in spite of these trying times.

In his letter Supt. Evans mentioned the fact that we had around twenty young men that were formerly connected with the Orphanage now in the armed service. These men are serving their country in many parts of the world. He informed me that he is sending each one a copy of the Free Will Baptist paper. I have already received several copies, and I have already written him how much inspiration I get from the fine articles in the paper. I am sure that every one feels the same as I do about it. I am sure that the paper will serve to give us inspiration in time of need that we would not get in any other way. I certainly hope that I will not miss a single issue. I am very glad that Supt. Evans was farsighted enough to supply us with the paper. His interest in the children who have been under his care is thereby following them to all parts of the world, and providing them with fatherly care that they would not get elsewhere.

If I may I would like to suggest that the paper try to aid the boys in keeping in contact with each other. Since Supt. Evans is sending a copy to all the boys I would suggest that you ask all the boys to write to you and give you their addresses and that you print a part of their letters in your paper, and give their addresses. Then we can write to each other and keep in touch with our former childhood friends. Nothing helps more than a letter from some old friend on a lonely day in camp. In case you do print a list of addresses I would like to have mine submitted, and I wish every one of the former children who read it would write me. Also other friends of the Free Will Baptist Church.

I only submit that as a suggestion, but at any rate I wish you to know that I enjoy getting your paper. May I close now by wishing for your paper, the Orphanage, and the people of the Free Will Baptist Church as a whole a great success in the future.

Respectfully, I am,
Lt. William Haywood Howell,
United States Army

HUMILIATION—EXALTATION

By Alice Louise Cary

Mark 11: 7; Revelation 19: 11

Our Saviour, seated on a colt,
Came riding to the Holy City—
The scene of His rejection soon,
The object of His patient pity.

Our Lord shall come again one day,
A chosen white horse shall convey Him;
The King who rode a lowly colt
Shall make all nations to obey Him.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I would like to write a few words about a key. We all know a key is used to lock and unlock doors, desk drawers, iron safes, etc. Door keys are just simple, while an iron-safe key is of the combination type. Now, the key I am thinking of has two parts, the first part is a tiny bit longer than the last part, one letter longer. Here is the key I am speaking of WHIS-Key.

This key unlocks the prison doors for lots of people who over indulge themselves. It also locks our sense of reasoning power. It will unlock the tongue, so it will utter a lot of profanity. It has on many occasions unlocked the door of the undertaker that he could perform his duties at the burial services of the victim of whis-key, but the worst part about this key is this. It locks the door of heaven against all who over indulge themselves in the drink habit. There are lots of other things that if we do, this key will lock the door and leave us on the outside.

Will you please read Galatians 5: 19, 20 and 21. I cannot find any emphasis put on any particular word. So, I guess if we are guilty of idolatry, the worship of idols, or if we use witchcraft, we will have the door locked against us as quick as if we were the worst drunkard in the state.

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"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn" (1st Timothy 5: 18), I guess most of us have heard our grand parents speak of people 75 years ago threshing, or treading out their wheat and rice with a horse, mule or ox. Well the animal was not to be muzzled so he could eat a little now and then. Thus, it was the same custom in Paul's day. I guess some of the readers already understand that Paul was using what we might call "figurative language," and really meant that the real God-called preachers should not be handicapped in their preaching by having to do manual labor to support themselves. If Paul did not mean it as I just said above, we will read 1st Timothy 4: 15. Better read first verse 14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

I think the gift Paul spoke of was the gift of preaching. Then, Paul asked Timothy to, "meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them." Now, if Timothy had to labor 6 days to the week to support himself with the needed material things of this life then he could not have given himself wholly to the ministry. Then the manual labor that he would have had to perform would have been the same thing to Timothy that the muzzle would have been to the ox treading out the corn.

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Wonder how many church members have read and considered 1st Timothy 2: 4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." To my mind this verse has a two-fold meaning. It could mean that the preacher is not to be handicapped in his ministry by having to work at odd jobs for a livelihood, and it could mean the lay-members, once they have renounced sin and begun to be a soldier for King Immanuel. They should not get tangled up with worldly affairs, especially if those affairs are connected with Satan and his works, for sooner or later they will lead us astray and cause us sorrow and woe.

CHRIST, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

By Galen Lemaster,
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"If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink" **(John 7: 37).**

On the last day of the Great Feast, Jesus uttered these words to lost men and women. For seven days the Feast of Tabernacles had been celebrated in Jerusalem. Great throngs of people had filled the Temple and the courts were crowded with people. With the above words, the Master made himself the Fountain of Life for men. Jesus personally declared to Jerusalem that He was there, and that all men and women might drink at the Eternal Fountain, and never thirst.

Christ is the Head of the Fountain of God's living Grace. Thus, it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell (Col. 1: 19). Among all the claims made by our Saviour, none is greater than He, for He can satisfy the thirsting souls of men and women. Yes, in the person of Christ flowed all the fullness of God, and from Christ flows abundant sustenance for the souls of men and women.

In Christ's love, complete and sublime joy and satisfaction dwell eternally. Even when the greatest test of that Fountain of Love and grace comes, those attributes were not diminished in their flow while His enemies mocked Him. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Even when death began to overshadow Him on the cross, He said, "It is finished. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Jesus is a Living Fountain of grace, springing into everlasting life. The flow of a fountain guarantees its freshness, for the water is renewed momentarily. Just so, the grace of God in the hearts of men and women flows fresh and clean from its constant source, purifying, making clean the lives of all who drink at this Fountain of life.

Christ the eternal Fountain is of unsurpassed refreshing beauty. Artists have attempted to paint His beauty for countless ages, but a transformed life is the best picture of His matchless character. Ceremonies and formal practices of religious service cannot within themselves satisfy the soul's thirst for spiritual infilling, nor can they take the place of the living Christ. It cannot be done any more than salty sea water can satisfy human thirst, and take the place of pure fresh water. Jesus Christ is still the Fountain from which flows the cleansing stream of God's pardoning mercy, and infinite grace, for upon their thirsting, weary souls many drink of the **Water of Life** and receive eternal life.

IN GOOD FAITH

The Religious Basis of Democracy

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Democracy is a way of life, an attitude toward man, not a specific set of laws. It is a philosophy of government. When the attitude prevails, laws are devised which foster and protect freedom of worship and education, freedom of thought, of speech, and of assembly, equality of opportunity and equality before the courts. But wise laws can only make democracy possible, they cannot make it work unless the citizens are convinced that freedom is natural to man and are willing to pay the price required to remain free.

Whence comes this conviction? Why should men be free: There is only one reason. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,—". Thus wrote our Founding Fathers. But these truths are not self-evident except to men raised in the Christian tradition of Western Europe, men who recognize the existence of a Law of Nature built into the Universe by its Creator.

This conviction that the natural rights of man are above government arises out of a religious affirmation. The rights in question and the freedom of the will are God-given and therefore inherent in the human personality. Accordingly, the dignity of the individual and the inviolability of his conscience form the cornerstone of democracy, the source of government by consent of the governed.

But, if all men are created by God and equal before God, all men are brothers. They then should treat each other as brothers. That is the hard part. Democracy is the free way, consequently it is the difficult way. Not only is it the fruit of the Christian view of man, it makes demands upon men which require deep convictions to sanction and sustain them. It demands true love, an end to racial prejudice, bigotry and intolerance, to the scramble for personal power and advantage at the expense of others. It requires self-discipline. Also, freedom of choice implies the awful power to choose wrong. So a norm is needed, a standard of judgment, recognized by all alike. This, in turn, requires fixed principles of right and wrong which are found only in the moral law.

The founders of American democracy were aware of this. That is why they delved deep into the Christian tradition to find the sanctions for this way of life. Americans frequently fail to abide by their tradition but the foundation is there. It is secure. It is the "standard to which" as Washington told us "the wise and honest can repair. The rest is in the hands of God."

WORDS OF WARNING TO THE UNSAVED

Dear Baptist Readers:

I want to write a few words which I hope will fall into the hands of some unsaved people, for I fear we have some in our churches who are not saved.

When our government declared war on other nations, we felt sad over some of our people having to go to war because some will get wounded and others will get killed. The great God of heaven has declared unto His people, by most every writer in the Bible, that He would destroy the wicked. When He comes to judge the world, He will come with flaming fire and destroy or devour them out of His presence. There will be no way for escape of His wrath upon the wicked. All the money which this government has spent in this war, if put into water works, could not put out one square inch of His fire, for it will be unquenchable fire.

Kind people, it is something to be considered, and if your sons or daughters are not living right, the question is: Will Christ devour them out of His presence? Will you be with them? Or are you living right and at the same time letting them go astray? Are you trying to get them to do right in the sight of Almighty God? Have you ever prayed for them that the good Lord might save them, or are you just resting easy about the matter?

Many people view Judgment Day as being a long way off—the last thing which is to happen. But, dear people, it may not be so long as you think. You need not give Him out, for while you have the chance, you should prepare for His coming. If you will start in time, you can prepare for eternity and avoid the destruction which He says will come upon the wicked. Delays are dangerous and tomorrow may be too late. Christ says that every good work and every evil work shall be brought into judgment. There is no chance after death, for the way you die is the way He will find you. You may not have much more time to warn your sons and daughters against the evils of this life. You do not want them to miss heaven and to go down to eternal damnation, but you want them to be eternally saved from the condemnation.

My dear people, if this article does not have any influence upon you, and you live on in your wicked ways, then think of me when you are called up before the Judgment Bar of God, and remember what I told you about being prepared for that great day. I am hoping that you will turn from all evil ways and live true Christian lives before the Lord.

There were nine of us brothers in our family, and all are dead but one, and I am feeling that the good Lord has spared me in this good work for a purpose. I have been spared thus far, but I have had some close calls in life.

Your brother in Christ,
B. E. Coxwell

To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit. Isa. 65: 2.

The humble soul my words revive,
I bid the mourning sinner live,
Heal all the broken hearts I find,
And ease the sorrows of the mind.

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom 12: 3.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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SOUL WINNING—THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION

This is the general topic for the Week of Prayer Program of the women's Auxiliary preceding Easter.

Theme: Soul Winning through Christian Missions.

Andrew a Soul Winner: Scripture John 1: 41; Matthew 28: 30; II Tim. 2: 15; 4: 13; Matt. 13: 4, 8.

John the Baptist was the one who came before Christ. He was a forerunner of Christ. While John was preaching and teaching, Christ appeared. On this day when Jesus appeared, John was standing with two of his disciples, and one of whom was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. When Andrew found Jesus, he went and found his own brother Simon Peter and brought him to Christ.

In soul winning for Christ, Andrew began by bringing his own brother to his Lord and Master. When Jesus chose his twelve disciples and sent them out to preach, He told them first to begin at Jerusalem which was at home. Then, they were to go everywhere, teaching the blessed Word of God, for Christ promised to be with them. As Christ gave His disciples authority to teach and preach, the same applies today to us as Christians. We are to be teachers of God's word, and to be soul winners for Jesus.

There are some things which we must know before we can be successful soul winners: We must know God's Word, for Paul said to young Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God." Paul was a man of God, a man who knew God, and he first had to know God before he could be a soul winner. For us to be soul winners we must know God in order to be able to bring the lost to Jesus. We must know also how to approach man.

We must know what kind of seed to sow, and the kind of soil we are sowing in, to be able to win souls for Christ. Read Matthew 13: 4-8, on the Parable of the Sower. This represents the people today, and the sower represents us as soul winners in our work trying to win souls for Jesus.

If we are to know God's word, certainly we must study it. We now have a Bible School of our own for those who are willing to sacrifice, and go to study the scriptures that they might be prepared to become soul winners for our Lord. Our prayer is that others will feel the need of more laborers for God's great kingdom work. May many go to the school where they can learn to become fitted to do God's will. We need more ministers to carry God's word where the fields are already white to harvest. May every Christian feel his or her need to study God's word, and become better prepared to do God's will. For one to be a real soul winner for God, he needs a good Christian education.

There are two more messages to follow. They are: Soul Winning Through the Printed Page and Soul Winning through Missions.

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Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
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After a long illness and much loss of time in the auxiliary work, that just now in a few short months we have of this convention year, our women have yet the greatest challenge from our youth and young people yet to be placed before us as F. W. B. women.

Just what are we as auxiliary women doing for our young people. Was there ever a field so white? or laborers so few; how dare we say, yet four months and then cometh harvest, when lo the harvest is plenteous.

We need but quietly, prayerfully listen, to hear the cry for help from our dear boys who are stationed in camps, traveling on the water, in strange lands, even from hospital beds we hear the cry.

Some write and thank us for remembering them when we as a band of women meet, some have asked us to keep faith with them and with God. Are we keeping the home fires burning? What are we doing for our Bible school at Nashville, Tenn. Are we encouraging Institute work?

Are we helping to sponsor and maintain youth camps, where our youth can be trained in Christian service, have we as local district and State auxiliaries listened to the cry of some young soul who with our help could go farther for God.

Have we been prone to say, we have lost our young people to the war effort, both as soldiers and defense workers. No—There is more to do on our part than ever before, while comforting those gone, by writing, praying and keeping faith with and for them, we yet have a younger group, just anxious to do something. How many have organized "Go Tell Bands" in their auxiliaries? If not, don't fail to order the little book. "Working with our Youth" by Agnes Frazier. This is indeed a gem of great price, and when carefully and prayerfully studied, it will help greatly in organizing and training our youth.

Auxiliary workers, then, may well be able to say to our Lord, "thou gavest me two talents, and lo we have gained other two, receive thine own with usury." (Matt. 25: 14-28). Will we be among them who stand in the gap (Ezek. 22-30), and at last will we be able to hear our dear master say, "She hath done what she could"?

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THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

To the women, just the same as to the men who followed Him, Jesus gave the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world . . . preach . . . teach . . . make disciples . . ." To

Mary at the open tomb, He said, "Go tell . . ." How wonderful the women of the Free Will Baptist denomination have a work to do for their blessed, Risen Lord and Master! The preaching of the gospel, and the teaching of it's truth, is not only done from behind the pulpit, or inside Bible Schools and colleges, but every redeemed person, however humble, may become a soul winner. For illustration, this incident was related to me yesterday.

Two women in one of our churches, interested in benevolence work, not for the sake of doing a kind act that it might go into a report, but with hearts tender and compassionate, and burdened for lost souls, called at a poor home with money to purchase a pair of shoes for the widowed woman living there with the care of two young girls upon her. They found her rather embittered by past neglect, and scorn, of those who professed Christianity, but under the influence of their sincere love and kindness she became broken of heart, and at their request, knelt with them in prayer and found the Christ as her Savior. She immediately entered the Sunday School, united with the church, and one of the young daughters has also found Christ. Those Christian women were carrying out the "Great Commission." They answered the command, "Go Ye." It was only a little visit down at the end of the street, with a kind act and a loving word, but it meant the saving of the souls of a mother and daughter, and the addition to the church of two worthwhile members.

The whole plan and purpose of every department of Women's Auxiliary can be summed up in one word—EVANGELISM. Anything less than an intention to carry out and fulfil the Lord's Commission would not be worthy to even ask for, or expect His blessing to be upon the effort. Certainly we need to keep ever before us the vision of the Christ who because of His great compassion and love for humanity, must minister to the sick, and feed the hungry; but may we never forget that pre-eminently, the object of the life, death, and triumphant resurrection of Jesus, was to redeem lost men and women from sin. Let us work, and may our work be actuated by a desire that lost souls through us, might be pointed to Christ, the one we try to serve.

"Go Ye . . ." with a tray, or basket of food, with a bouquet of flowers; with a tract or Christian literature, into hospitals, jails, old People's Home's; to the poor and needy, to the friendless and homeless; to the aged and the orphans; but go always with a prayer that the lost soul might be brought to Him, who died, that "Whosoever will" might live. Let us continue to make the fulfilling of "The Great Commission" **our mission.**

Elsie M. Curtis,
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THE HOUR OF PRAYER

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes

Prayer should become a fixed habit in our lives. It is a sin to neglect prayer. "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord, in ceasing to pray for you" (I Sam. 12: 23). Many people do not pray only when they are down and out, or in some grave danger or trouble, but when all is well and the sun shines brightly prayer is neglected. God wants us to commune with him regularly. We should have certain periods of prayer every day. "When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seest in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6: 6).

It is encouraging indeed to know that when we pray we have the blessed Holy Spirit to help us. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom. 8: 26-27). True prayer is inspired, and directed by the Holy Spirit. When our prayers are directed by the Spirit, we will ask for the right thing in the right way.

One of the most important facts about regular prayer life is that it keeps Christians away from sin. Prayer will keep one away from sin, or else sin will keep one away from God. The two do not mix. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. 66: 18). Your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear you" (Isa. 59: 2). "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto prayers" (I Pet. 3: 12). "If our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God, And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (Jon. 3: 21, 22).

A regular time of prayer each morning will supply the Christian with spiritual refreshment for the day. If we turn our thoughts to God in the early morning, we have a better chance of keeping Him uppermost in our thoughts all day. It prepares us for the task of the day. "In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and look up" (Ps. 5: 3).

While it is true that Christians should have special times of prayer, it would be well to remember that our prayer should not be confined to that special time in the closet. We should form a habit of uttering or breathing a silent prayer wherever we may be. Christ does not keep certain office hours, but He ever liveth to make intercession for us. We are instructed to pray without ceasing. We can breathe a prayer while walking down the street, riding along in the car, working in the office, washing dishes or wherever we may be. We should stay so close to God until we could get in touch with Him anytime.

I am not outlining any definite objectives for prayer this month, but I am asking you to pray as the Holy Spirit leads you at the 9:00 o'clock A. M. prayer hour. I feel led to do this, so may we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us as to what we should pray for, and I am sure we will be led aright, "Praying always in the Spirit"

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention will Convene with the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., on April 14, 1943.

9:30—Devotions by Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
—Greetings by Mrs. D. M. Heath
—Respose by Mrs. M. L. Johnson
10:00—President's Message, and Registration
—Appointment of following Committees
Resolutions, Finance, Appropriations and Nominations
10:45—Reports of Ist, 2nd, and 3rd Vice-Presidents
11:15—Congregational singing
—Special Music by Rev. W. K. Jordan, and Mrs. Thos. E. Beaman
11:30—Message by Mrs. Chester Pelt
12:00—Noon recess for refreshments

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Praise and Prayer Service by Mrs. Cora Mitchel
—Reports from Delegates attending other conventions
—Reports from 4th, 5th, and 6th Vice-Presidents
—Reports from the Field Worker
2:00—The Orphanage by Rev. Jas. A. Evans
—Offering
2:30—Echoes of The National Association by Rev. L. R. Ennis
2:45—Reports of Finance Committee—Apportionment Committee—Resolution Committee
—Report of Treasurer
3:00—Report of Nomination Committee
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. M. E. Godwin, *President*,
Mrs. Hermon Johnson, *Secretary*

The Sunday School Exchange

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Greenville, N. C.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION "TIPS"

By L. E. Ballard, *Pub. Director*

Just thought you might like to know something about the following FOUR STAR features of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute, which is scheduled to meet with the church at Winterville on Friday, April 23rd. Did you read the program in last week's BAPTIST? If you didn't, hunt up your copy and read it now.

**** Well, first, there's the FOUR STAR church where the meeting is to be held. Have you ever been to any kind of a meeting at Winterville? If so you will not need to read this paragraph at all, for you already know that Winterville does not fall down on anything,. At least the fine folk have not failed in a single project since I have been their pastor. Don't be the least bit uneasy—everything will be ready for you at Winterville. The church does not stand alone on this. The fine people of Bro. Wiggs' church at Ready Branch are going to back us up, and also the people of the town—the Baptists, Methodists, etc. So, come on, all will be well.

**** The fact that Bro. Chester Pelt has been selected to have charge of the music guarantees a FOUR STAR program of good singing, congregational and special, to enliven the session. We do not know Bro. Pelt's plans, but we are sure that there will be plenty of talent to draw from, and we know that Chester will do the "drawing!"

**** Is your S. S. faced with the problem of getting the folks who live at a distance out on account of the gas and tire rationing? How is this affecting your social activities? Had the draft and war jobs drawn upon the youth of your community to the extent that filling places on the staff of officers and teachers has become a problem? What are you doing to try to keep in contact with these young folk who have gone away, and to help them? Brother J. C. Griffin and the writer will do their best to make the two INSTITUTE-FORUMS, in which these, and many other questions regarding wartime problems, will be discussed, FOUR STAR features of the Convention-Institute.

**** Do you know our Director of Organization, Rev. R. P. Harris? If you do, then you will come to the convention with assurance that you are going to learn something worth knowing about the "Standard of Efficiency," and the "Three Year Program of Progress," for Brother Harris will handle these in what we believe will be a FOUR STAR Presentation.

**** And we have a FOUR STAR preacher lined up to bring us a FOUR STAR Convention Message on "The Challenge of Difficulties." He is Rev. W. A. Hales, pastor of St. Paul's at Elizabeth City.

**** The superintendent and few long suffering teachers of the Hard Valley Sunday School are discouraged, and as a few of them assemble about the little stove in the valley church on a cold Sunday morning, they are about to decide to dissolve the Sunday School because of the many difficulties. Then comes "Crippled Joe" from 'way over the ridge, limping in on his crutches, and—but find out about it when we present our FOUR STAR drama, "Crippled Joe and the Sunday School."

**** Brother Raymond Sasser, our FOUR STAR President will be at his best, we believe, and so the business features of the Convention, and the general conduct of the meeting will be on the FOUR STAR level, we are sure.

**** Did you ever hear of a FOUR STAR Moving Picture? Well, the Convention will sponsor one Friday night; and it will be one fit for all of you to see. It is the State Association production on "Our Church at Work," presented by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Stay over and see these wonderful pictures of our School, Our Orphanage, and other institutions. They bring these things right to you in the matter of about an hour, saving you days of travel.

**** These FOUR STARS are for all the other good things on the program that space forbids us mention, but which you can enjoy to the fullest if you COME TO WINTERVILLE FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD for the NORTH CAROLINA S. S. CONVENTION.

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PROGRAM

Program for the first Semi-Annual Session of the Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association to be held with New Home Church, Miller County, Ga., on Sunday, April the 25th, 1943.

10 A. M. Song and Praise Service
Devotions by Mrs. Tenella Cleveland
Welcome Address by W. E. Lane
Response by Mrs. C. F. Pickren
Enrollment of S. S. with their delegates
President's Remarks: Mrs. I. S. Perry
11:30 Midday Message, by Rev. Liddell
12:30—Luncheon
1:30 P. M. Song and Praise Service
Devotions by Rev. H. L. Catrett
Programs by the various Sunday Schools
New Business
Miscellaneous Business
Time and place for next Session
Discussions
Adjournment

Committee:
Mrs. J. L. Daniels,
Miss Ruby Chapman,
Miss Jessie Mae Barber

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SOIL AND SOUL

Agnes Brinkley Frazier,

Somewhere recently I read a phrase that has stuck in my mind: "It is quite possible to defend the soil of America and lose the soul of America." Here in April, with our Week of Prayer, the Women's Auxiliary is striving for the soul of America. Out from your church and home life have gone young men and young women to defend the soil of America while in your church and home are the people who must fail to develop the soul of America. Heroism is demanded everywhere today, heroism of varying degrees and kinds for "soil" and for "soul."

It may not be particularly easy to meet and pray during the week preceding Easter, but soil defense is never easy nor can soul development be. Every Women's Auxiliary can meet—"where there is a will, there is a way." Study your sitution carefully and figure the best time and place for your auxiliary, then meet and pray. An excellent program has been prepared by Mrs. Chester Pelt of Durham, N. C. and can be found on page 92 of the Year Book.

Really study the material, but let these services be PRAYER SERVICES. Distribute offering envelopes in advance. Set a goal for your offering if your members like that idea, a worthy goal which will be an incentive to glad giving. This business of the soul of America is no casual matter; our gifts should be THOUGHTFULLY, PRAYERFULLY brought, to help America become more Christian.

As Christians we believe that the solution for the world's hurt is the Christian religion. We well know that if our land is saved no half-way measures will do. Only the great Physician can heal our land. What is necessary for America is necessary for the world. America can render no greater service to the world than to enthrone Christ in her own life and by so doing demonstrate to the world that Christ can solve all problems of the modern world if only given a chance. But as long as it continues to take twenty Christians working each year to win a soul to Christ, we can not wonder that about once in every twenty years we must send our sons to fight on some battlefield to preserve those precious things which we have failed to preserve through our Christian witness. Those precious liberties, are lost unless we make and keep America Christian. We must do that by making more and more Americans Christians.

The approach to this season of prayer has been made in the conscious acceptance of our nation's responsibility to the world. The heritage of freedom and liberty have become dearer as they are threatened in a warmad world. Thoughtful Christians are deeply concerned that the nation may meet worthily its obligation to the present and to the future. Remembering that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" we shall pray with deepened fervor for those in authority in our government and for the mass of its citizenship that the Spirit of Christ may rule in the hearts and minds of men.

Even as Jesus said to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat," so He speaks to each of us today. GIVE YE, now in this season of prayer and through all the days. GIVE your PRAYERS to link the service of missionaries to the infinite power of God. GIVE YOURSELVES in direct missionary service to such persons and groups as you can reach in personal ministry, GIVE your MONEY SACRIFICIALLY to provide additional missionaries and needed equipment to meet the heart-hunger of the multitudes today, to enable the hungering multitudes in Cuba, India, even America to partake of the Bread of Life. Through prayer and personal ministry, through money devoted to the spread of the Gospel you will give the Bread of Life to hungering multitudes. Today just as in that long ago day in Palestine Jesus asks for that which we have and allows us to be His helpers in ministering to these hungry ones of all lands. Jesus, compassionate, tender, competent, speaks to each of us: "Give ye them to eat!"

CHRIST'S BIRTH

At the decree of Caesar
  Joseph and Mary came
To Bethl'hem of Judea,
  To register their name.

The Inn was overcrowded,
  And night drew on apace;
The stable gave a straw pallet—
  A lowly, humble place.

Angels, Joseph, and Mary
  Were at the trysting place,
Where she brought forth her First Born
  Heav'n's glory in His face.

Thus came the lov'd Redeemer,
  God's spoken Word to man,
Bringing salvation by the cross—
  And Christmas Day began.

He will return some glad day,
  Ruler and Judge of all;
When angels will again rejoice,
  Chanting the Advent call.

—Mabel F. Dennett.

THE PLACE OF THE PREACHER IN PREACHING

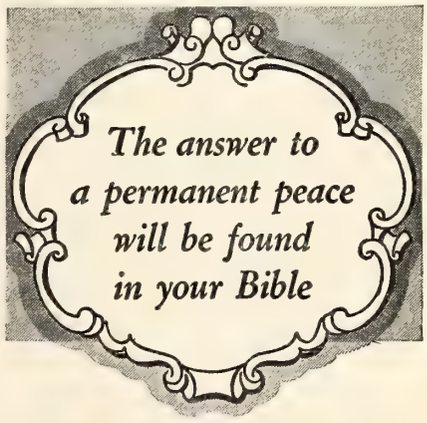
The preacher deals with God in behalf of man; he deals with man on behalf of God. . . . Every fiber of the man's moral and spiritual nature must be controlled by the truth. The force of a blow is measured not by the arm only, but also by the weight of the body behind the arm. And just here is the difference men instinctively feel between one preacher and another. The hearer is persuaded that the truth which is being proclaimed from the pulpit has come over one preacher, whereas it has come through the other. Consequently the preaching of the one is tame and uninteresting. while that of the other is strong, fascinating, and convincing.

—William Evans, in How to Prepare Sermons and Gospel Addresses.

They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God. Rev. 7: 14, 15.

Thy blood, dear Jesus, thine alone,
Hath sovereign virtue to atone;
Here we will rest our only plea,
When we approach, great God, to thee.

He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. I John 3: 24.



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PETER AND JOHN IN GETHSEMANE

(Lesson for April 18)

Lesson: Mat. 26: 36-46; John 18: 10-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Mat. 26: 41).

The Lord here warns the disciples of the dangers of neglecting duty, and reminds them of the important privilege of prayer. Satan is constantly putting out temptations. If we would be able to resist them, and live in God's will, we must have constant communion with Him in prayer. Although Jesus rebuked the disciples for sleeping when they should have remained awake, He spoke kindly to them. He was acquainted with human weaknesses, and knew their physical limitations. — Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Jesus knew the hour of temptation was drawing closer and closer to them. He knew, too, how much they needed to be ever watchful and prayerful for them to be able to endure the approaching moments of his betrayal, shameful trial, painful scourging, tragic crucifixion and death on the cross, which would come in rapid succession one following the other. But, when he had prayed the second time, Jesus came and found them asleep again, (v. 43), although we do not find that he said anything to them. It shows that what he said to them the first time did not cause them to stay awake and to heed his request. — Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Where else did these three disciples sleep when they should have been awake? (Lu. 9: 32).

2. Why should Christians not be asleep spiritually? (Rom. 13: 11; I Thes. 5: 6, 7).

3. What promise should we remember in the hour of temptation? (I Cor. 10: 13).

4. Have I ever failed the Lord as these three apostles did?

II. Lesson High Points

1. When I was in Jerusalem, I spent my Sunday afternoons in Gethsemane. There was a spot in front of the Greek Orthodox church, where some of us gathered for prayer. For every one of us knew that it was here where our Lord Jesus had uttered those very helpful words, "Watch and pray."

2. **Asleep on Duty.** For the Roman soldier of old to fall asleep at the "post of duty" meant death. For the child of God to be asleep at his post of duty may mean eternal judgment to souls which the wakeful and the workful may "snatch as brands from the burning." The time calls for watchful, wakeful, alert, aggressive souls: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Rev. 16: 15). "How important is your position," said a Christian brother to a non-Christian friend who manipulated the "switches" at a railway junction! "My position is not half as important as yours as a Christian," said the non-Christian railway man. (Read Heb. 13: 17; II Cor. 4: 3, 4.)

3. **The Sorrow of Soul.** "Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me" (Mat. 26: 38). It almost seemed as if the pangs of death already had fallen upon Him, and He craved that in the dread hour His own loved ones might be with Him, sharers in that awful vigil just before the final tragedy. They could not enter into the throes of that agony with Him—it was beyond the range of human nature to comprehend the depth of that sorrow unto death—and yet He sought their prayerful fellowship in His sufferings.

Christians, Awake! "Spiritual Somnambulism" is a disease widespread among God's children. What a rude awakening awaits these sleepwalkers! "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard"? (Prov. 6: 9). Let not your answer be, "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep" (vs. 10). For many years, we have been a pastor. We wonder which has been the greater of the two tasks: To keep saints out of bed, or to get the lost to awaken unto righteousness. Oh, children of God, let the warning words burn themselves into our very souls: "Watch ye therefore: . . . lest coming suddenly He findeth you sleeping" (Mk. 13: 35, 36). (Read Is. 56: 10; Rom. 13: 11; I Thes. 5: 6.)—Selected.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

God's "Throne Rights"

Two ripe Christians were talking over a meeting they had been attending. Said one: "I am afraid that in their simple zeal our friends are prone to make a mere errand boy of God. In their engrossment with the glorious realization that God answers prayer, they are likely to forget that all true prayer is attuned to the note, 'Thy will be done.' They overlook what the Scots used to call 'the throne rights of God.'" It is not possible for a human soul to have too great intimacy with the Father in Heaven; but it is possible to have too great familiarity. God is not a man: "Holy and reverend is His Name." On his knees the child of God should ever remember that God is on His throne.—Christian Herald.

Had Found the Hidden Springs

Some years ago, when a pastor in Detroit, I got word one Sunday morning that a boy of our Sunday School had died. So after the morning service, I went around to try and comfort the mother. She was a faithful member of the church, but very quiet; I had never heard her utter a word in the public services. She had two noble girls and the boy who died. As I walked up the steps leading to their door, I heard singing; and through the open window I caught sight of the mother and her two daughters, sitting by the coffin of their boy, and they were singing softly:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast."

I dared not interrupt the beautiful scene, so I slipped down the steps and tiptoed away, leaving them with their dead, for though I came to comfort them, I saw that they had already found the **hidden springs.** And so there comes to millions of toilers and sufferers the world over strength and comfort and beauty from the springs of God. "The secret of the Lord" is with them. They reflect the beauty of lives sunk deep in God.

—Wilbur F. Sherider.

WHY NOT HAVE A STATE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA?

For a long time, I have wondered why we Free Will Baptists of this State do not have a State Association. Since becoming acquainted with some of our people in other parts of the State, and seeing their activities, I feel that the answer to the question is simply this. "We certainly can have a State Association."

Recently it was my privilege to visit the Union meeting of the Original South Carolina Conference of the Eastern section of the State, and I was happily surprised to find them very much alive, and actively carrying on the work, in which we of the Beaver Creek Association have for sometime been interested. Therefore, I feel my duty to try, in my weak way, to give some reasons why we should have a State Association:

First, the need of strength. We are told that "in unity there is strength," and surely, if we study the progress made by other organizatonis, we will find this to be true. Think of the National Association today, and what it was just a few years ago. The National Bible School is evidence of unified effort on the part of the several State Associations. You may ask, Why not have colleges like other church organizations? My answer would be that we have not had, in the past, enough unity to accomplish the desired end. And again I repeat that "in unity there is strength."

Second, the need of fellowship. Moses told his father-in-law, while they were on the march, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good" (Nu. 10: 29). Have you ever lived in a community where there were no churches of your belief? You may say that you can fellowship all Christians of any denomination. So can I. Neither do I have very much confidence in any Christian who cannot, but I have felt very lonely, and blue at times, because I could not attend a Free Will Baptist meeting.

I am thinking just now of a fine loyal Free Will Baptist, who lived about seventy miles from his church, and yet supports that church in a financial way, and two or three times a year, he gets to attend services there. Recently he and I were both visiting that community at the same time. He insisted on me staying over Sunday, and preaching, since it was not the regular preaching day, mentioning that he rarely ever heard a Free Will Baptist preacher. I have been sorry since that association business made it necessary for me to be elsewhere. Certainly, we do need more old-time Christian fellowship among our people.

Third, the need of Home Missions. While in some parts of South Carolina, Free Will Baptist churches seemed to be pretty thick, there are other localities where our denomination has not been heard of. Indeed we are now living in almost such a locality. So far as I know, I am the only Free Will Baptist minister in this county, and the two adjoining counties. We have two churches in this county, both less than three years years old. Brethren these things ought not to be.

In a state-wide organization, we could learn of the ministers who have no churches, and surely could interest them in going out into the new fields where they are "white to the harvest." Other reasons will be given soon, including the great need for an orphanage for South Carolina, and reports of the progress made so far to that end, will appear in the paper soon. In the meantime let us pray that God will bless our efforts to further His cause, and kingdom in our State, and resolve to do our best for this great cause.

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LEAGUE NEWS

Edited By
Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY

We, of the First Oklahoma Association, are very proud of our ever-growing league work. Of course, we have felt the dint of the war in the absence of so many of our boys, yet we can tell that we are still growing in numbers, as well as in interest. For this we want to thank the older people of the church for their interest, guidance and faith in us young people. It spurs us forward to higher goals of Christian work.

On January 31, we held our first rally of this year at the Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City. Considering gas rationing, and the shortage, there was an exceptionally large attendance. Representatives were present from Earlsboro, Tecuseh, Pleasant Hill, and Roff. Lunch was served by the Oklahoma City Church.

The following officers were elected: President, Brother Everett Brown; vice-president, Brother Clyde Argo; corresponding secretary, Sister Marie Burnsed; treasurer, Sister June McClain; and Brother John West, sponsor.

Our next rally will be held on May 30th at the Tecumseh Church. Brother Doss is to bring the Introductory message. We are looking to that time.

Marie Burnsed, Cor.-Secy.

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ATTENTION LEAGUES

I have sent out "Challenge Quarter" blanks to be filled in and sent to me with your Quarter for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Superannuation, Orphanage and Education. If there are any leagues who do not have the blanks please send a post card at once to me, and I will supply you with as many as you need. One for each league in your church. Now, please respond to this, as we want to get it in as soon as possible.

C. T. Adams,
Campaign Director,
Durham, N. C., Route 5

Boys and Girls Corner

GOODBYE! GOODBYE!

A bath is a Saturday night
Sort of thing,
A very good thing to take!

Well, the Crusaders must begin to crusade again," said Uncle Timothy on Monday morning, as he came into the breakfast room, waving a letter in his hand.

"News?" asked Aunt Agatha.

"Yes," answered Uncle Timothy, who had just come from the village post office. "A letter from the Mission Board. They want me to do some deputation work for the next six weeks, and so I'll have to start back home right away."

Davie and Debbie tried not to look disappointed.

"What is a dep—a dep—a dep—?" asked Debbie.

"A dep— a dep— a, dep-utation dep-u-ta-tion," spelled Uncle Timothy, "is a trip you go on for a missionary board, and while you are on it you tell lots of people lots of things about Mexico, because they want to know, and because they want to pray for the Mission and for you, and sometimes because they want to give money to help support the work. In short, it is really just telling people about Mexico, Debbie girl."

"Can't you do that right here? Why, Rev. Mr. Wilson asked you twice to speak at his church. Couldn't you do that here instead?"

"Yes, I could, only this is special deputation work out west, many miles on the other side of home," explained Uncle Timothy.

"Oh," said Debbie.

"Oh," said Davie.

"But, of course, you are coming back again, Debbie and Davie, aren't you?" asked Aunt Agatha, brightly.

"That doesn't make it nearly so hard to leave Grandma," comforted Debbie. Grandma didn't know whether Debbie was comforting her, or comforting Debbie herself.

And so everybody was busy getting the trailer in readiness for the trip home; that is, everybody except Debbie and Davie. They were out in the garage giving Goliath a bath.

A large, old wash tub had been dragged into the garage. The twins had spent a very hot twenty minutes carrying water to fill it, and another twenty minutes trying to persuade Goliath to stay in the tub. By the time they had actually made Goliath stand still, both Debbie and Davie were soaked to the skin. Davie had to go for three more buckets of water to replace what Goliath had thrown out of the tub. Poor Debbie was left clutching Goliath's damp fur while Goliath, with all his might, tried to follow Davie.

Finally, with the aid of two cakes of soap and three brushes, Goliath was scrubbed into a beautiful lather. He no longer looked like the blackish brownish dog he was, but like a fluffy, snowy kind of a dog. Davie stepped back to admire him, trying to picture how it would be to have Goliath that way all the time, when—something happened! Goliath gave one mighty shake, a shivering, wriggling, inside, outside kind of a shake. Soap suds went everywhere! Soap suds went into two pairs of surprised blue eyes! For a moment they forgot that their hands were dripping with lather, and round and round they rubbed their smarting eyes with still soapier fists! What a fix they were in then! Well, just about that time, Goliath decided to leap out of the tub and make his escape. Away he fled, right out of the garage, and around the far side of the cabin. Uncle Timothy saw him coming, and made a dive for him. But Goliath slipped out of Uncle Timothy's arms, and bolted through the kitchen door, just as Miss Brown came out, her arms piled high with pillows and blankets.

The house was in an uproar! Every one, including Grandma, tried to catch slippery Goliath. Around and around he ran, under tables, around the chairs, sliding through doors, barking and wriggling and jumping, enjoying every minute of the fun. It was Grandma who finally caught him. Goliath bounded through the kitchen door, and sliding on the smooth floor, rolled right in front of Grandma who quickly stooped and grabbed his tail, holding on tight, calling for Uncle Timothy to help her. Caught! Back to the garage he was pulled, barking and trying to get away.

"Oh, what a sight you are Goliath!" cried the twins in dismay when they saw him. And truly he was a sight! He had gathered up all sorts of burrs and dust and dirt, and the soap began to dry them fast to his coat of fur. It took another hour of scrubbing before Goliath was a respectable looking animal again!

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That evening after dinner they all gathere around the big, crackling bonfire that Mr. Bird and Uncle Timothy had made. They watched the flames leap far up into the dark night, casting shadows against the cabins, and making weird reflections dance among the pine trees beyond. As each charred log fell into the glowing embers, another fresh one was thrown on. Again the flames would lick at the dry wood, and the bonfire revive. How good it smelled,—a wood fire in the open!

Uncle Timothy told them more about his plans for going to Mexico. How he was going to live in the trailer, traveling from town to town, and from village to village. How he hoped to reach places where there were no Christians,—where the people had never heard about the Lord Jesus Christ before.

Debbie watched Uncle Timothy's face as he talked, and Uncle Timothy watched Miss Brown.

After awhile, Aunt Agatha brought out boxes of marshmallows, and Mr. Bird cut sticks to roast them on. What fun to hold the white, fat marshmallows over the fire, and watch them crinkle, and brown, and burst, and ooze out through the hard crust! Finally the marshmallows would catch on fire, and they would have to be waved in the air, and be blown at until the flame was gone. Gingerly they would be pulled off the sticks, because they were very hot. They were nibbled at until they cooled enough to eat in one bite.

When the marshmallows were all eaten, everybody stood up and stretched. Debbie and Davie yawned very big and very loud yawns. Just before they started to go to the cabin, Grandma asked them to sing an old favorite hymn. Clasping

hands, they all joined in song, their voices mingling with the whispering of the pines:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

Early the next morning everything was hustle, bustle, hurry-skurry, skip and hop! "Goodbye!" "Goodbye!" "Goodbye!" "Write to me Debbie! Don't forget to write to Grandma, Davie!" "Thank you so much, Aunt Agatha. And you, Mrs. Bird, thank you too." "Goodbye, Davie! Take care of Goliath. Goodbye, Miss Brown, may I write to you? Look, Mr. Bird, Goliath is waving his tail goodbye!" "Yes, you may write, Mr. Lake, I'll be glad to hear from you. Goodbye! Goodbye! Goodbye! God bless you and keep you. Goodbye!"

The "Crusaders on Wheels" started off again;—but this time it was a straight, direct journey home. Indeed they would be home late that night! Home in a day! Think of it!

"Oh," said Debbie, "I'll be so glad to get home!"

"Mother and Father have never seen Goliath. Won't they be surprised?" said Davie.

"Well, Crusaders," said Uncle Timothy, "We've had a blessed time, haven't we?"

"Oh, yes!" said Debbie.

"Oh, yes!" said Davie.

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

OBITUARIES

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MEWBORN. J. Parrott Mewborn, son of Joshua Mewborn and Winifred Wooten Mewborn, was born September 25, 1862, and died February 14, 1943.

He married Ida V. Wooten on the 6th day of January, 1885, and to this Union was born five children, two of whom survive him, Titus G. Mewborn and Mrs. B. W. Pate.

He united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Hull Road in Jason Township, Greene County, North Carolina, on the third Sunday in November, 1891, and was baptized the following afternoon by Elder James M. Barfield.

He received his education mainly in the Public Schools of Greene County (went to some private schools), at the Davis Military School in LaGrange, N. C, and for a short while attended the University of North Carolina where he had classes under the late Horace A. Williams and Charles Duncan McIver.

His first work or profession after reaching manhood was teaching. He taught first in various schools of Greene County and later taught in the State of Georgia. He worked a few years with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company. He obtained his Law Degree and his first practice was with and in connection with the law firm of Loftin and Rountree in Kinston, N. C. He practiced mainly in Eastern North Carolina and some in the Federal Courts.

In later years he abandoned the law practice and he and his family moved to their home in Jason Township in Greene County where he lived until death. After he moved to the farm he devoted his time and efforts mainly to his farm work. However, he always thereafter maintained a keen interest in the legal profession, and the educational and political affairs of his County, State and Nation.

He always paid special tribute to those of his superiors who were of the right stripe and possessed the right spirit, especially those who would assist and stand by the underprivileged. He never let an opportunity slip to lend a helping hand to those in need and would encourage and instruct those seeking advice. He always manifested a most unselfish spirit, giving often of his time and means for the benefit of others. His advice was often sought and especially by those who were in distress. It is not known if he ever turned one away if in need and a worthy cause was at stake. He took great pride in assisting those who could not help themselves.

He appreciated his friends and enjoyed their friendship. He was a good conversationist and could entertain the high and the low. He had a good understanding of the scriptures, studied, believed and enjoyed them and had unfaltering faith in his Maker. In his last days he often said that his Lord had never failed in time and that he believed that he would be with him in and after death. He said just a few days before his death that he did not dread death but that he dreaded to die.

His funeral was conducted by Elder J. B. Roberts, Primitive Baptist Minister of Greenville, N. C. He was buried in the Mewborn Cemetery seven miles Southwest of Snow Hill.

By J. E. Mewborn.

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PITTMAN. On January 3, 1943, the death angel suddenly visited the home of Sister Mollie Elizabeth Pittman, and called her away to her heavenly reward. She was the wife of the late Frank Pittman.

She was born on December 13, 1879, making her stay 63 years and 21 days on earth. She left to mourn their loss eight children, several grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

She was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church for about 30 years. Her membership was at Daniel's Chapel, where she was also a member of the Ladies Aid.

Although she has departed this life, her influence lives on and her memory will never fade in the hearts of all who loved her.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Reverend L. B. Manning, assisted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Her body was laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

By Daniel's Chapel Aid Society

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ANGE. On Sunday morning, May 3rd, as the glorious morn was silvering into a perfect springtime noon, the soul of H. Blount Ange winged its flight to celestial realms and mansions of light. Uncle Blount, as he was familiarly known throughout the community, was in declining health for a period of about two years, during which time patience stood firm without complaint. During his afflictions, his faith never wavered, both leaning upon its God and during those dark days it felt no doubt.

He was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Church for around a half century, and served in the capacity of Ruling Elder for a number of years. The writer was pastor of his church for a number of years. We could always depend upon him for his full co-operation for any move that attained the advancement of the kingdom of God, and the uplifting of humanity. In his passing, the church and community has sustained an irreparable loss.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and Reverend Duffy Toler. His useful life and high esteem were noticeably reflected by the large number of sorrowing friends and relatives who were present The beautiful floral designs were symbolic of their tokens of love which they had for him.

It can be truthfully said that a valiant soldier has folded his tent,
And stolen away to the soldiers' HOME;
Somewhere out yonder where the wicked cease to trouble,
And the weary are forever at rest.

Written by his pastor,

Rev. D. A. Windham,
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In that City so fair, Jesus went to prepare
A beautiful mansion for me;
There the streets are pure gold
And the joys untold in that Home of Eternity.

There will be no more dying, no never more sighing,
Every tear shall be wiped away;
There we'll ever more sing, heavens praises to ring,
What a glorious, happy day!

There will be no more night, for the Lord is the Light,
We'll have no more need of the sun;
What a joy that will be, when our friends we shall see,
Gathered there around the white throne.

By Mrs. Venie M. Carney,
Durham, N. C.

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To My Mother

You painted no Madonnas
On chapel walls in Rome;
But with a touch diviner
You lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems
That critics counted art;
But with a nobler vision,
You lived them in your heart.

You carved no shapeless marble
To some high soul-design;
But with a finer sculpture,
You shaped this soul of mine.

You built no great cathedrals
That centuries applaud;
But with a grace exquisite,
Your life cathedraled God.

Had I the gift of Raphael
Or Michael-Angelo;
Oh, what a rare Madonna
My Mother's life would show!

—Thomas W. Fessenden

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MISS YELEY TO VISIT NORTH CAROLINA

In this issue of the Baptist paper, Reverend J. C. Griffin has published an **Itinerary** of Miss Yeley's visit to be made, beginning May the First, among many of the churches in the state.

Miss Yeley is a returned missionary from Venezuela, South America. She has been doing missionary work in that country for a number of years in the interest of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Her native state is Ohio. While she is in the homeland on a furlough for a short time, Miss Yeley is making a tour of the country, giving lectures of her work and stating the needs of the missionary fields, by visiting among the different churches that have arranged for her lectures.

Her visits among many of the local churches in North Carolina will certainly be a great blessing to everyone who attends these lectures. The people living in the communites of sister churches, situated close by the church in which Miss Yeley will give her lecture on the specified date, should take notice of the time and attend the meeting. Great good will be derived by their attendance upon these lectures, for they will learn something of the great need of the Gospel of Christ being given to the people of Venezuela and other lands. Certainly, no one should hesitate nor neglect to be present for the lecture to be given in the church near him or in his community. The young people of the Sunday Schools and the Young People"s leagues, as well as older people, should make use of this opportunity to hear Miss Yeley tell of her experiences in a foreign land with the people who stand in great need of the Word of God.

For her dates to the various churches, see Brother Griffin's itinerary, and keep in mind the time when she will be at your church so that you will be certain to hear the lecture. You should keep your copy of the Baptist paper in which the itinerary appears so that you will be certain to be posted as to the time the lecture will be given in your church.

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SUPERANNUATION A MOST WORTHY CAUSE

It is gratifying, indeed, to see the increased interest being manifested by the church people now in the Free Will Baptist denomination in superannuation. The pastors are stressing more and more this important phase of the work of the church. As a result, more of the laymen of the different local church organizations are giving more money to this worthy cause. The contributions, therefore, in many of the churches, Sunday Schools, Women's auxiliaries and Young People's Leagues are becoming larger and larger all the while. Those churches, for example, that a few years ago were not contributing practically anything to this phase of the work of the church, are now showing great concern about giving substantial support to the aged ministers.

Due to the fact that larger funds are being raised now than before for superannuation, our aged ministers are receiving more assistance, yet there is need for greater giving on the part of all churches to this worthy cause, for the support of the retired preachers is still inadequate. Larger contributions, therefore, should be made at regular periods during the year to enable the denomination to build up a larger Superannuation Fund so that each disabled minister of the denomination might receive a substantial check from the Superannuation Treasury month after month. Those disabled ministers of the gospel are worthy of receiving adequate support from the church during their remaining years of infirmity and inactivity.

There is sufficient and ample wealth represented in each local church, and in the different district and state organizations of the denomination to build up, by systematic and liberal giving of their means, a large sum of money for the Superannuation Treasury, both for the State and National purposes in amply caring for every needy minister of the denomination. It certainly can be done within a few years, and every true child of God knows that the heavenly Father has promised in his holy Word to greatly bless all cheerful and liberal givers to such a worthy cause.

THE PRICE HE HAD PAID

I said I would have my fling,
  And do what a young man may:
And I didn't believe a thing
  That the parsons had to say.
And I said: "Religion is rot,
  And the laws of the world are nil;
For the bad man is he who is caught
  And never can foot his bill."

So I had my joy of life:
  I went the pace of the town;
And then I took me a wife,
  And started to settle down.
I had gold enough and to spare
  For all of the simple joys
That belong with a house and a home
  And a brood of girls and boys.

I married a girl with health
  And virtue and spotless fame.
I gave in exchange my wealth
  And a proud old family name.
And gave her the love of a heart
  Grown sated and sick of sin!
My deal with the devil was all cleaned up,
  And the last bill handed in.

She was going to bring me a child,
  And when in labor she cried,
With love and fear I was wild—
  But now I wish she had died.
For the son she bore me was blind
  And crippled and weak and sore!
And his mother was left a wreck.
  It was so she settled my score.

I said I must have my fling.
  And they knew the path I would go;
Yet no one told me a thing
  Of what I needed to know.
Folks talk too much of a soul
  From heavenly joys debarred—
And not enough of the babes unborn,
  By the sin of their fathers scarred.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Is the Task too Hard

By Elder Colonel Pendleton

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they have wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" (Jer. 12: 5.)

To all the dear children of God scattered abroad:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Saviour to you all.

Yes, indeed the Christians are scattered else how could they obey our Lord's command as given in Matt. 28: 19, 20, which reads, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." And by God's children obeying that command, we now see the gospel of Christ radiated to the utmost parts of the earth.

Paul tells us that, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men; Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." Yes, dear ones, God entrusted to us the responsibility of spreading this glorious message of truth, to all nations, yea, "every creature." And I thank God for the privilege of having this great salvation and to be able to go about and tell others of the Christ that will save all who come unto him.

Let us realize that we are fast moving toward the time when it will be said, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Or else hear it said, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

It will then be too late to tell others; too late to pray for lost souls; too late to visit that backslider and seek to turn him from his erring way; too late to preach the glad tidings from the pulpit or by daily living; too late to pray for the sick; too late to testify for God; too late, too late to pray! Today, you and I have the golden opportunity of helping lost men, women, boys and girls to "prepare to meet thy God" and for that long eternity which looms in the distance. We should search our hearts, and ask ourselves this question: Am I doing all I can to win lost souls to Christ? In Matt. 9: 37, 38, we hear Jesus saying, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Here we find Jesus inviting his children to "pray." Yes, Jesus commanded us to pray, for he said, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Now in order to have all our prayers answered let us read and obey the next two verses.) "And when you stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11: 24, 26).

Perhaps there has never been a time when there was more people on the earth at one time than now. Was there ever a time when sin in all its various forms was ever more prevalent in all the land than it is today? Was there ever a time that false prophets, false spirits and false doctrines were more abundant than they are today? Was there ever a time when God's people were more divided and unsettled than they are now? And surely it must grieve the heart of our dear Lord to behold God's children in this sad condition. Thus it seems that the Lord needs more laborers today in His harvest field than ever before since time began. Are you, dear friends, praying God to send more true preachers out to teach all people the right way? Are you praying for those God has sent to preach His Word?

All of God's true preachers today need your prayers. It seems to be a hard task indeed, to get that sinner to see his need of God and repent, and get saved. Just now, some poor preacher in God's harvest field somewhere, laboring for lost souls, may be discouraged and almost ready to go down under the great load he is bearing; and your prayers may encourage him and strengthen him to work a little harder, to hold out a little longer, to glean a few more precious sheaves for the master. If there are men, women, boys and girls around you, going on in sin, giving no heed to your efforts to do good, pray for them and pray God to send someone else their way who perhaps may lead them to repent and get saved.

If you don't like the message the preacher has brought, ask yourself the question: How many times have I prayed for him? Brother Paul asked the Ephesian Church to pray for him. Let us read in Eph. 6: 18-20, which reads, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." And now to give us a better understanding of how we should feel toward our ministers, I give the next four verses, "But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might com-

fort your hearts. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." If your people return evil for good, treat them according to Matt. 5: 43-48. Which reads, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you:" (Oh, my, what a jaw breaker, But we must come up to that standard for He says in the next verse.) "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." When it seems that our enemies have laid a snare to trap us and we are made to cry out as did David, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." Now for our consolation let us read, "Likewise, . . . submit yourselves unto the elder, Yea, all of you be subject one to an other, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5: 5, 7).

Yes, dear ones, when you are persecuted by the worldly people just remember that if it is falsely then is the word of Christ fulfilled which reads, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." A great preacher has said, "If evil be said of you, and it is so, correct it. But if it be false, laugh at it." I praise God, because He has saved me, washed me in His blood, and sent me to preach His precious word. I need the prayers of all God's children to pray that He will make me able to stand for Him at all times: and against the wiles of the enemy, regardless of what it will cost me. Pray that God will give all His preachers heavenly wisdom so we can "rightly divide the word of truth," and deal wisely in winning lost souls.

I want all who like these articles I write to write me, and tell me what you think of them. I want to know if the readers want any more articles. So please write me.

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THE KINGDOM PRIESTHOOD AND PASSION OF CHRIST

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This article is a treatise on the one hundred tenth Psalm. The word "passion" means violent agitation of mind, and a strong deep feeling; excitement and great love; intense desire.

The Sufferings of Christ in His Last Agonies

Verse One :"The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." The expression, "at my right hand, on my throne," is regarded by nations as the position of the highest honor that one might receive. The expression, "footstool," is the emblem or sign of complete submission.

In verse two, the word "rod" means strength of the king's power, or his assuming rule or dominion. In verse three, "his beauties of holiness" means the power of Christ's Gospel, which consists of the demonstration of its truth. The love of Christ reveals the co-operation secured by Christ, hence we must feel the power of His Spirit. Christ has subdued His people by his grace which is the power of Christ.

Verse four reveals that repentance is the first step of the union of the kingly and the priestly function in the person of the Messiah. Christ's triumphs are spiritual, and He is the head of all rulers and princes.

"He shall drink of the brook in the way," in verse seven, means the taking of "the water of life" through Christ Jesus. Christ is the Priest after the order of Melchizedek. He is the King of righteousness, and He is the incarnate Son of God, and He holds the royal office of the Kingly Priesthood. Now, a king whom the world admires is one of great material power with great armies. He maintains a throne of state, and has magnificent palaces. He has a great number of attendants of high rank. He has immense treasures of great wealth to enrich his throne.

But our Lord had a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold as kings have; a reed put in his hand, not a kingly staff; a cross of igominious shame, not a place to law his head. He was often hungry and thirsty instead of having a great number of attendants to wait upon him. His followers were a company of poor fishermen, instead of treasurers to give him money to pay His bills. At His birth He had not a place to lay His head, nor had He at His death a grave of His own.

Where is all the glory that is so much extolled? It lies in the fact that Christ died, as the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, to redeem lost souls. Faith in Him will heal the sinner's heart, for we need only to look through that thin veil of flesh to see the immortal Son of God dying on the cross for the sins of the world. Yes, Christ has made full satisfaction of God's purpose in sending Him to earth to show justice and mercy unto all men. So, now it is but dipping the pen in the blood of Christ and dashing out man's iniquity.

We trust that Christ himself has blotted out our sins, for God has more satisfaction through every believer in His Son than in the riches of earthly kings. Every believer is assured that Christ has paid the debt for them, and that He paid it to the uttermost.

SUPERANNUATION

As chairman of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptist, I wish to bring this very worthy cause to the attention of our people. I plan to discuss this work and some of the different phases in a series of articles to appear in our church paper from time to time.

In this first article I would like to discuss "The Need for Superannuation in Our Church."

First, let us decide just what the word Superannuation means. I wonder if, over a period of years, we haven't come to think of Superannuation as, raising money occasionally for those disabled ministers who find themselves in desperate circumstances? According to "Mr. Webster" the word Superannuate means "to pension on account of old age." Therefore if we use the word with its true meaning, we must dismiss from our minds any thought of charity, for truly a pension is deserved by those who have given their life in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. We also must dismiss from our minds, the thought that we should wait until one of our disabled ministers is in desperate need, to do something about it. Often if we wait as we have in the past our help will come too late. Then, too, if we prepare ourselves and our retired ministers for the needs that are sure to come, we can escape a lot of unpleasant embarrassment that has been experienced in the past.

As it affects our church, Superannuation can have one of two meanings. The first is the work of providing a pension for those ministers who are now disabled because of age or ill health. The other is the preparation for the pension of those who are now active, when they must retire. I understand that the Board of Superannuation of our National Association is working on a plan for the work in regards to the future for those who are now active. I shall leave the work of developing the annuity phases of Superannuation to them. I pledge my cooperation with them in the plan they present to us. Meanwhile, I believe that the most immediate need for our people in N. C., is to provide the help for our disabled ministers that they deserve. I shall confine my discussion to this phase of the work.

As we think of "The Need of Superannuation in our Church" in regards to those who are now disabled, I suggest the following thought for your consideration.

1. We have now at least eighteen disabled ministers of our church in this state. Many of them have devoted all of their lives to the Ministry of Our Church. It is largely due to their life and labor that we have the Church that we have today.

Rev. M. L. Johnson

They traveled through heat and cold to preach the Gospel to sin sick souls. They gave freely of their time and means that we might have a church that we could be proud of. As we take stock of the many things that we, as a church, have to be grateful for, we must realize that our present disabled ministers gave much of it to us even through their sacrifices. Today those ministers are nearing that day when they will be called from our midst to be with the Christ that they have served so long. As they wait for that time, many of them are in real need of things that we could and should provide for them. I am sure that our Father, as he looks upon their life and faith, He must say of them, "Well done good and faithful servant." Wonder what we are saying of, and to them. Let us remember that one by one they are being called from us. Are we satisfied with what we are doing for them now? Dear reader what have "you" done for them? What will "you" do for them now and in the future?

We should give to Superannuation because, it is Christlike to help those in need. Is that not the very heart of the beauty of the Christian Religion? Can we expect God to give us victory if we fail to share with those who are in need? Can we expect victory in India, South America, or other foreign fields if we fail our own servants right here with us? Surely we shall not lose, but will grow stronger by providing for those that have led us this far.

We can not afford to do less for our retired workmen than the business world does for it's workmen. Most of the leading business of our country make some provision for those who give their lives in their work. If the Church is to enjoy the respect that is due it, we must be able to lift our head and say that we "can" provide for our own.

These are just a few of the many reasons why we should give of our means to Superannuation. I hope that you will give due consideration to these facts. If there are those who do not agree that we should support Superannuation please write to me and state your reason for not agreeing. If you do agree, why not send a nice contribution to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., who is treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of North Carolina.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
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Our Absence Last Week

Our absence from the Baptist last week was no fault of your editor. The old typewriter—old now—it was brand new 1914, when I first touched its keys—just gave out, so our manuscript did not reach the columns of the Baptist.

The Auxiliary Conventions

It has been the privilege of your scribe to visit the Eastern, the Central, the Albemarle and the Western auxiliaries where we were privileged to place before these conventions our "Six-Point Program" for the North Carolina State Association.

It is a pleasure to see these organizations go forward in such zeal and fervency. Reports from the various Vice-Presidents of all these organizations show growth. The work by each of these carry a degree of inspiration to the whole. Their reports are rendered like clock work. No woman goes over her allotted time. The Presidents are pointed in their remarks. Resolutions are discussed in regular form and all questions settled lovingly. We would love to have the time and space to give a full report concerning each one of these organizations. We can say truthfully, that the work of The Women's Auxiliary is going forward for the Glory of God.

Home Mission Interest Growing

We are informed that the offerings for the month of February have now reached the all time high of $470.00 for North Carolina, and we are not through receiving. Thank you, my brethren and sisters, in Christ for your offerings. May God bless you all. Watch for the Treasurer's report.

Foreign Missions

Half of the month is now gone. I wonder how much has been done for Foreign missions? We have the greatest call ever. There are thirty places in Cuba where the gospel is being preached by Bro. Willey and his staff of native preachers. God is wonderfully blessing. I am counting on the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina to make this the greatest offering ever made for any one month in the history of the State Association. Brother ministers, I know that we can go beyond anything ever done. Let us, one and all, pray about it, and as we pray, say, "Father fix eternally in my heart the 'Go Ye Command' of the Lord Jesus." Again we might dig up some of that "tithe" that belongs to the Lord and carry up as a worship settlement and then make a "WORSHIP OFFERING UNTO THE LORD."

Sunday Schools Take Notice

Do not overlook the fact that April the 23rd is the date for the state convention of North Carolina to meet in the town of Winterville. This is important. Let each school get a delegate.

Places That I Am Scheduled To Visit

I am to be at Oak Grove, Craven county and Ayden, before these lines go to press. Friday night, April 16th, I am to be at Reedy Branch, Pitt County; Monday night, April 26; I plan to go to Daly's Chapel, near Seven Springs; Tuesday night, April 27th, Rains Cross Roads; Wednesday night, April 28th, Smithfield; and Friday night, April 29th to Rock Springs, Nash County.

Alarming News

We have just read an alarming news item given out by FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and published by the Associated Press, in which it is stated that there is "an alarming increase in juvenile crime." It is stated by Mr. Hoover, "If during this trying period, we forget the moral needs of the next generation we have not fulfilled the trust placed in us."

"I think there is a very definite job to be done in every community in the country to combat this growing delinquency on the part of our young men and women." These statements of Mr. Hoover were given before a house appropriations committee in our National congress.

But here is the alarming statistics given by this great man, a man who is after crime and knows more about the conditions of the country than, perhaps, any other man in the United States. He reported that prostitution by girls under 21 had increased 64.3 per cent as compared with last year, other sex crimes by girls 104.7 per cent, and that arrest for assault by males under 21 had gone up 17.1 and rape 106 per cent."

We talk a great deal about "post war work" but as we have said so often lately, "The future depends on what we do with the present." These lost boys and girls need salvation. The church is God's Institution through and by which these lost souls should be reached. But the hurtful thing is that a great number of these criminals are members of some denomination that calls itself a church. The church needs a real filling of the Holy Spirit that will make those who have been saved anxious about these lost ones. A lost church member is the most pitiful object that I know of.

AN EASTER POEM

By A. S. Wilkins
Mount Olive, N. C.

On this earth our Saviour trod,
His mother was a virgin, His Father was God;
As a boy He worked with a carpenter's tool,
He lived obedient to His Father's rule
'Till He reached the age of a full grown man,
He preached repentance in a heathen land.

He walked on the water and stilled the deep,
Cast out devils and forbade them to speak;
He healed the sick, He raised the dead,
He fed the multitude with two loaves of bread,
Made the lame to walk, the blind to see,
He paid the price for you and me.

He bore our sins to the rugged cross,
And brought salvation for those that were lost;
He endured the nails of the cruel hand,
To bring redemption to a sinful land.

On Easter morning He arose from the dead,
And to His Father in glory He fled;
He left us a command we must obey
To stand before Him on Judgment Day.
So, let us bow our heads while we may,
And repeat the words that He taught us to pray.

P. S.—Submitted for publication by his daughter, Mrs. Ben Sutton.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MIDDLESEX RELIGIOUS NEWS

From time to time we want to give our people information regarding the spiritual condition of our Free Will Baptist Orphanage through these columns. We feel that you who are supporting the Home, and making possible the care of our eighty odd children in the Home, are entitled to know what is being done to try and develop them spiritually as well as physically.

Rev. L. E. Ballard

The inmates of the Home including the children and the staff of workers are co-operating wonderfully in the program of religious activities. Attendance at the regular worship services has been put on the voluntary plan, there being no rules of compulsion, yet so far every inmate physically able has attended the services. Also, we are glad to report that people of the vicinity have shown excellent co-operation. Quite a number have been coming to the services.

Recently Mrs. McAdams visited the Home for services for two or three days, which resulted in a number of conversions. These young people are to be baptized into the fellowship of the Home church in the near future. Plans are now being made for a Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer, under the supervision of Mrs. Ballard.

Our great need is for a chapel on the campus. The little chapel in the Girls' Dormitory is very inadequate for the kind of program of religious activities needed. The people responded well to the recent Bond campaign for funds with which to build a chapel, but, of course, building is not practical at present. It is to be hoped that our people will continue to send in donations for the Chapel Fund to Brother Evans, so that the chapel can be erected as soon as conditions will permit.

We solicit the prayers of all in behalf of the religious program of the Home. Copies of our monthly bulletin will be sent to anyone on request.

Loy E. Ballard

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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SMITH'S NEW HOME AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Smith's New Home Church held its regular meeting on Saturday night, in March, at the home of Mrs. Naomi Hill. The meeting was called to order by the members singing a hymn, then prayer was offered by Mrs. Rachel Taylor. The scripture lesson was taken from Psalms the 33rd chapter. The lesson taken from the Year Book of Programs was explained by one of our members, Mrs. Evelyn Whaley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, then the roll was called. The dues paid in were $2.85. The broom money taken in was $3.60. The money received was $5.50 and rainy-day pennies reported amounted to $1.34. Bible chapters read were 272, sick visits were 63, quarts of milk given away were 130, 4 trays and 5 cards were sent to the sick.

It was decided by our members to take $1.50 out of the treasury to buy a chair for Pleasant Plains F. W. B. Sunday School. As April is Foreign Mission month, it was moved that we save our Sunday eggs this month for Foreign Missions. Some of our members did this for Home Missions in February, and we raised $17.00. We hope to do better for Foreign Missions. We plan to observe the Week of Prayer preceding Eastern at our church, and we are hoping to have a different speaker each night. We are hoping to have good attendance and great interest manifested.

We are to meet at the church in April for our meeting. After the benediction, the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Secretary

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REPORT OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The convention convened with Little Creek Church in Greene County on March 31, 1943. We were glad to have those who were visitors with us from the other conventions.

The National President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, brought us greetings and made a few remarks in the interest of our work. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, the National Field Worker, made a short talk in regards to the Penny-A-Day plan and the Chest funds for our National work.

Reverend J. C. Griffin, the State Secretary of the North Carolina State Association, was present. In his talk he asked each church that wanted our missionary, Miss Bessie Yeley, to make a visit and lecture to the people, to visit them to write him not later than April 15, so that he can make out the itinerary for Miss Yeley.

Our societies were well represented this time, as 58 sent in their reports, leaving only 4 that did not make reports. The vice-presidents' reports were the largest and the most encouraging they have ever been. We are very glad to know our work is becoming more unified, because these reports are needed and each society should keep accurate records, so they

can give their reports correctly and on time.

The convention voted to raise $105.00 to complete a Student's Room in the Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. This money is to be raised through the plans of our Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, and she will soon present her plan for each local Second Vice-President.

Our convention theme was stressed throughout the day by those who took part on the program. Reverend James A. Evans was present and made some remarks in regards to the Orphanage. Miss Shearon and some of the children were present, and gave a short program. All of the convention officers were re-elected for another year.

Our next convention will meet in September with Reedy Branch Church in Pitt County. All business being completed, we were dismissed by Reverend R. H. Mason.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary

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"IT IS WELL"

"Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child? And she answered, "It is well" (II Kings 4: 26).

Elisha was a man of God, and one day as he passed to Shunem, there was a woman and she constrained him to stop and eat bread; and as often as he passed by, he turned in and did eat bread. This woman said to her husband, "I perceive that this is an holy man of God, for she could see in Elisha's face that he was really a man of God. So, she said unto her husband, "Let us make for him a chamber (room) and set for him a bed, a table and a stool and candlestick, so that when he comes to us he can stay.

When Elisha came by he slept in the little room which her husband had made for him. Elisha wanted to reward her for her trouble in caring for him. Thus, he asked God's benedictions upon her that she might have a child to gratify her heart's desire. Later, one day this son was taken very ill in the field with his father, and he died. She carried him in the home and laid him upon Elisha's bed. She called her husband and asked for a servant to take a beast of burden and to go to tell the man of God. She told her husband that it would be well, if he would let her have the beast, for she had faith in God and in this man.

Have we faith sufficient today to say, "It shall be well." Or are we lacking in our faith? This woman went and came into the presence of the man of God. When Elisha saw the woman, he said unto his servant, "Run and meet her, and say unto her, "Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well."

Is it well with us today? Can we stand before God, and say, **It is well?** Or would we try to run from God? Can we say it is well with our family? This woman said, "It is well with me, my husband and my child." Can we say it is well with ourselves today even as much as to say it is well with our families.

This woman had faith, so Elisha went and raised up her son from death unto life. It was through faith that he did this. God's word says, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust him." It would not have been well with her, if she had not had faith in God and the man to bring back her son to life. We say that we have surrendered to and have trusted God, but is it enough to say, "It is well."

Let us not put our trust in a friend, a mere guide, but let us put our faith in God. Let us say, "I will look unto the Lord. I will wait for the God of salvation. My God will hear me. When I fall I shall arise again, and when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a bright light unto me, and I shall behold his righteousness."

If it is not well with us today, may we turn again unto Him, and live so people will say as the woman said of Elisha, "Surely this is a man of God." When we truly surrender our lives to God, and put our trust in Him, then we can say, as this woman did, "It is well with us."

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

KING'S CROSS ROADS AID REPORT

Our Aid wishes to make the following report for the past six months.

No. members	40
New members	7

Financial Statement

Balance brought forward from August, 1942	$13.59
Amount of dues paid	20.30
Amount for brooms	7.90
Money received other ways	23.60
Total	$65.37

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$15.00
Sent to convention	1.00
To foreign missions	2.50
To home missions	5.00
Miscellaneous expense	.25
Total	$23.75
Amount in Birthday Box	$12.14

Activities

Bible chapters read	815
Sick visits made	49
Trays sent to the sick	3
Flowers sent to the sick	4
Quarts of milk given away	14

Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, President,
Mrs. R. L. Norville, Treasurer,
Mrs. W. M. Corbett, Secretary

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL AID REPORT

The Aid society met in regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Rex Howard on Saturday, April 3, 1943. The meeting was called to order by the president, and two songs were sung: "Love Lifted Me," and "I Love to Tell the Story." The members then repeated together the Lord's Prayer, and another song was sung, which was followed with prayer by Reverend C. D. Hamilton.

The lesson then was explained by a member of the Aid. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We then entered into the business period. The roll was called with eleven members present.

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	343
Sick visits made	58
Quarts of milk given away	48
Flowers taken to the sick	1
Hospital visits made	24
Dues collected	$1.70
Rainy day money	$1.53
Birthday money received	41c

We decided to observe the Week of Prayer, and to obtain speakers for each night. We had four new members added to the list. At the close of the business period, we sang a hymn, after which we had the benediction, and adjourned until the next time in course. We are again to meet at the home of Mrs. Bruce Howard on Saturday night before the First Sunday in May.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes, Secretary

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I have been requested by a very good friend to write an article on feet-washing as a church ordinance. Feeling my inability to explain this subject properly, I have hesitated a while before attempting to write anything about it. I suppose most of us know that Christ established his church, in part, by the tabernacle service that the Lord had instituted through and by Moses for the children of Israel after they left Egypt.

We know Aaron was the High Priest of that church, and we also know Jesus Christ became the High Priest of his church. We could mention other things that would compare one church with the other. For example, a lamb without spot or blemish was sacrificed for the sins of Israel, and Jesus Christ took the lamb's place in his church, for John the Baptist spoke of Christ as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, (St. John 1: 29).

If we will read Exodus 30: 18, we will find that a lavar of brass was provided in the tabernacle service for the priest to wash his hands and also his feet. Now, Christ was only following the pattern of tabernacle worship when he gave the example as recorded in St. John 13. Will you please read verse 15, then explain to me, if you can, how anyone can set that verse aside and say it is nonessential. The word o-u-g-h-t in verse 14, is very binding to my understanding of the English language. Did some one say that none of the other New Testament writers, except St. John, said anything about washing feet? Even if they did not say anything about it, that does not excuss us when Christ himself said, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

Dear friends, I believe, if you will read what St. Paul wrote to Timothy, you will be convinced that Paul was familiar with feet-washing as a church ordinance. Read 1st Timothy 5: 10, and you will find what qualifications it took for a widow to be able to put in a claim for any assistance from the church, and one of the things she had to have done was this, "washed the saints' feet."

I am sure all of us like to feel happy. Here is the recipe, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." "These things" (St. John 13: 17), refer to the practice of feet-washing.—Amen.

ITINERARY FOR MISS BESSIE YELEY

By J. C. Griffin

Saturday, May 1, with Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Durham, N. C.
Sunday, May 2, Edgemont, Durham
Monday, May 3, Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex
Tuesday, May 4, Free Union, Nash County
Wednesday, May 5, Holly Springs, Johnston County
Thursday, May 6, Kenly
Friday, May 7, Selma Church
Saturday, May 8, Union Grove, Wayne County
Sunday, May 9, Fremont Chapel, Wayne County
Monday, May 10, Dailey's Chapel, Seven Springs, N. C.
Tuesday, May 11, Cabin, Duplin County
Wednesday, May 12, Sandy Plain, Duplin County
Thursday, May 13, St. Mary's, New Bern, N. C.
Friday, May 14, Macedonia, Craven County
Saturday, May 15, Reedy Branch, Pitt County
Sunday, May 16, (11:00 a. m.) Ayden
Sunday, May 16, (8:00 p. m.) Black Jack
Monday, May 17, Bridgeton
Tuesday, May 18, Davis church, Davis, N. C.
Wednesday, May 19, for rest
Thursday, May 20, St. Paul's, Elizabeth City
Friday, May 21, Sound Side, Tyrrell County

If others desire Miss Yeley to visit you, let me know at once. All appointments will be at night, except otherwise stated.

THE MAN WITHOUT THE WEDDING GARMENT

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not a wedding garment" (Matt. 22: 11). This will be the fate of the man or woman who goes to the Judgment bar of God without a hope in the grace atonement of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the context of the above parable, we hear the king say, "Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having on a wedding garment? And he was speechless," verse 12.

Then said the king, "Take him away, cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," verse 13. The man or woman who gets on the King's Highway, or the Road to Heaven in this life, must first repent of their sins, and accept the gospel of the Son of God, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. When a person is regenerated, made a New Creature in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit enters into the heart of that individual, and will guide him into all truth. This is true salvation.

We are not told in the text directly that the man without the wedding garment was a professor of some kind of religion or not; he most probably was, but without the new birth no one is admitted into the kingdom of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is through the shed blood of Christ that souls are saved from

their sins, for they are bought by his blood on Calvary.

You will notice that this man assembled at the wedding feast with the congregation of the King's people. When the king began to inspect the guests, he immediately noticed the unprepared guest without the wedding garment. Orders were given, therefore, to cast him out from the company of the guests. This is a parable of the Great Judgment Day, when all men's works shall be tried. Every person who has no hope in Christ, should try with an humble heart to enter in at the straight gate, having on his wedding garment. We shall all surely appear before God at the appointed time to give an account for our lives.

May everyone build on that Solid Rock of our Christ so that we may stand in the day of judgment.

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Kentucky

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Greenville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, ROUTE 9, GREENVILLE, TENNESSEE

May the 10th is just around the corner. Some have suggested that our annual celebration and Home Coming at the Home be cancelled. After much prayer, we can not think it would be best. We are doing and will continue to do all we can for the war effort. We like to think of the work here as part of the victory.

We believe that this will be the greatest day we have yet had. Bro. L. C. Johnson, the President of our Bible College in Nashville, will be our main speaker. Bro. Keneth Turner from Mo. will be present to take color pictures of the Home and work. He will also have a word for us.

We have tried to make quite a few improvements and will make more by the 10th of May. This may be the last gathering of this kind that we will have at the Home for some time. We are looking for friends from all parts of Tennessee, Va., West Va., Ky., North Carolina, Missiour and hope that Ill., Miss., Ala. and other states will represent. We feel that the next year or two will definitely decide the place the Home will have in the Work of the Kingdom.

We will make arrangements to meet those who come on bus or train to Greenville. We will see that those who come from a distance are taken care of over the night. Below is a partial program:

9:30—Opening Hymn, "Praise Him Praise Him"
Devotions by Rev. Beam, N. C.
9:45—Announcements concerning program, the work and various tours of the Day
9:50—Welcome by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Laws, Response, Rev. R. H. Doan, W. Va.,
10:10—Recognition of Officials, Speakers and Visitors
10:15—Report of Supt. by Paul Woolsey; of Boards of Control and Trustees by Mrs. E. D. Parker and Rev. G. D. Dunbar
10:45—Program by the Children; Address by Rev. L. C. Johnson, Pres. Bible College
Lunch (Those near by will bring lunch)
1:00—Congregational Singing and Special Music by Quartets, duets, etc.
1:20—Address by Rev. Keneth Turner of Monett, Mo.
1:35—Four years in the Home by Trula our oldest girl
1:50—Questions and Answer concerning the Home—by All

Let's make Monday, May 10th, the greatest day we have yet had. If you live at a distance, please write us when and how you expect to arrive. Hope to have delegates from all churches in East Tenn. and from each Association that contributes to the Home. Pray for us.

Greenville is idealy located for transportation facilities, three bus lines have regular busses running through Greenville and all trains stop in Greenville. Make your vacation a little bit early and come and be with us.

Yours for His Work,

Paul Woolsey, Supt.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH BROADWAY CHECOTAH, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor:

With pleasure I read the articles in the Baptist of the splendid work that is going on in the name of Free Will Baptists. Well we here in Oklahoma are doing somethings but not enough; we want to do more. A few years ago we built a native stone Free Will Baptist church house fifteen miles west of here in a small town by the name of Hitchitw. Now we have a nice brick Free Will Baptist church here in Checotah. There have been others built throughout the state.

I would like to say hello to my many friends in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, yes, and other states that I have worked with in meetings. May we pray as we have never prayed before. May God's people do their part in these trying times. We can feel the need of pray more than ever before. Homes are broken up and the best blood of our nation is being taken from us. Yes, their lives are at stake for the freedom of our country. We are proud of these boys and they need our prayers.

Friends it makes a difference when we have loved ones gone from our homes. I once read of a mine explosion back before we had the modern equipment. There was a very old man who ran out and got a spade and began to work, a young man said, "Old man, let me have that spade you are too old." The dear old father said, "My God, I have a boy down there."

Well friends, many fathers and mothers can say we have boys over there and we are willing to work or to do any thing we can do to help. The scripture says he that kills with the sword shall be killed with the sword and that is happening now. This war will make history that never has been made before, and to read it will mean keep sheding tears.

May God bless the Free Will Baptist family wherever they are to be found.

T. H. Dixon

The Sunday School Exchange

Edited By L. E. BALLARD, *Publicity Director*
N. C. Sunday School Convention
Greenville, N. C.

BROTHER SUPERINTENDENT SUNDAY IS YOUR "DEAD-LINE"

Yes, Sunday, April 18th, is the last Sunday you will have to make arrangements for your school to be represented at the annual meeting of North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, at Winterville, N. C. In view of this we offer some last minute information and suggestions.

Raymond T. Sasser, President

Who Should Represent Your S. S? Now, of course, we wish that the whole school could attend, but under the present conditions we are not expecting a general attendance. We suggest that delegations be very carefully selected. You superintendents are "standing delegates" with a voice and vote in the Convention, and we want all of you to come who can. Then we suggest that your school delegate be someone who is active, and who will return and make a report to the school, and then cooperate in trying to make use of the suggestions, etc., brought back from the convention. Sometimes we get a little too careless in sending just anybody who can go to represent us in the various meetings, regardless of whether or not they are really interested in promoting the work.

How Will You Travel? This is really an important question in view of rationing and general travel conditions. We suggest that you form a "Convention Pool" if possible, and all come in the same car to save gas and tires. In some cases it may be possible for delegates from neighboring Sunday Schools to get together for the trip. If you have to travel by bus or train remember these are abnormal times, and buses and trains often run off schedule, so start in time.

How Do You Get to Winterville? Winterville is located on the highway between Greenville and Kinston, about half-way between Greenville and Ayden. Coming from Goldsboro you take the highway through Snow Hill to Ayden, then take the Greenville highway to Winterville. If coming from the Wilson, Rocky Mount, or Washington section the best way is to come to Greenville and then on to Winterville, four miles. From the New Bern section, take either the highway to Kinston, or by Fort Barnwell, coming into Kinston-Greenville highway a few miles north of Kinston. The church is located one block from the highway in Winterville.

When Should You Be There? If you are an officer of the Convention you are expected to be present at 9:00 A. M. All delegates should get to Winterville in time to register and in place at the opening of the Convention at 9:30. The first business session is at 10:00.

See you in Winterville April 23rd.

L. E. Ballard,
Publicity Director

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RESURRECTION

By Paul Gerrard Jackson

The tomb was sealed that burial day
Against imagined threat of theft;
But when the stone was rolled away
Only the linen clothes were left.

Between the darkness and the dawn
(The sentries' eyes were blind to see)
Their Prisoner of death had gone:
Lord of Eternal life was He!

The earth to her foundations shook,
And sundered were the gates of hell;
The soldiers looked as dead men look,
Such awful fear upon them fell.

Some women came, for love and care;
"Ah, who will roll us back the stone?"
A strange, unearthly light was there
The sepulcher with glory shone!

The women stood, and held their breath
To see an angel looking on
The place where Christ awoke from death—
Was ever such a sight at dawn?

"Why seek ye here the Living One?"
The messenger of Heaven said;
"Go, tell that God's almighty Son
Hath newly risen from the dead!"

As forth they fled, without a word,
Silent in wonder, trembling, pale,—
Lo! Jesus met them, and they heard
With throbbing joy His calm "All hail!"

—Selected.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The F. W. B. of Chicago are GOING to have a church here in the near future and last minute plans for an Easter Service are in the making. For full details as to time and place please call or write

Mrs. George Morawe,
5925 S. Normal,
Tel. Wentworth 0712, or
Dr. Leonard Earl Harris,
4330 S. Lake Park Ave.,
Tel. Drexel 9644.

If you have a relative, friend, or an acquaintance or know of any one who is or has been a F. W. B. please send their name and address AT ONCE.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

THE RISEN LORD

(Lesson for April 25)

Lesson: John 20: 1-17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He is risen" (Mk. 16: 6).

A missionary was preaching in a bazaar in North India. After he had closed, a Mohammedan came up and said, "You must admit that we have one thing which you have not, and it is better than anything you have." The missionary smiled, glad to have gained his interest, and said, "I shall be pleased to hear what it is." The Mohammedan replied, "When we go to our Mecca, we find at least a coffin; but when you Christians go to Jerusalem, which is your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave."

The missionary responded, "That is just the difference. Mohammed is dead; Mohammed is in his coffin. The founders of all these other systems of religion and philosophy are in their graves. But the Lord Jesus Christ, whose Kingdom is to include all nations and all tribes, is not in the tomb; He is risen. And all power in Heaven and earth has been given unto Him. This is our hope; He lives." —W. S. Bowden.

It is not courage that gives the Christian a calm assurance in the face of death; rather it is **knowledge.** We have a wisdom which the world cannot apprehend. We **know** that death is but a graduation for those who possess a diploma which is signed by Jesus in the red ink of Calvary—and we rejoice at the great commencement, either for ourselves or our friends.

For all our confidence we have this unshakable foundation. **"He is risen"!** The one fact that criticism cannot refute nor historians disprove, is the one thing that is essential to our peace of mind and our faith in God. A dead body was laid in a tomb; three days later the slain man was alive, demonstrating this fact by many infallible proofs.

II. Lesson High Points

In so far as Peter and John were concerned, **the testimony of the grave-clothes** was very convincing. Of John we read, "He saw, and believed" (John 20: 8). When Mary Magdalene told these two Apostles of the open sepulcher and the removal of Christ's body, they ran with anxious speed to the tomb. John arrived first and, as the carefully chosen Greek word seems to imply (vs. 5), merely looked in, and saw that the linen clothes were plainly lying unremoved. Peter, with characteristic impetuosity enters the tomb and—as we are reminded by the change in the Greek verb and in the order of the words—beholds, or gazes on, the linen clothes as they were lying before him (vss. 6, 7). Peter arrives at the conviction that the Lord's body had **not** been borne away, but, in some inexplicable manner, had left the grave-clothes.—Selected.

What the two disciples saw in the tomb were the wrappings—**the linen clothes lying** about the grave. R. C. H. Lenski says, "Nothing whatever had been done with them, they were merly lying. . . . They lay just as they had been wound about the limbs and body, only the body was no longer in them, and thus the wrappings lay flat." If they had been removed from Jesus' body by the Jews, they would have been unwound, cut through, or cut and stripped off. Moreover, they would have been most likely strewn around in disorder, or the Jews would have hastily taken away Christ's body with the wrappings unremoved, had they secretly stolen him from the tomb. Certainly, none of his disciples had gone to the grave and stolen away their Lord's body, as some of the Jews chose to intimate. No one had touched that body.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

P. S. to YOU: Our quarterlies have an abundance of helpful lesson material. Study them prayerfully.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

A "Contradiction" Earily Explained.—And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side (Mark 16: 5). At a Christian Evidence meeting in Hyde Park, an opponent tried to show that the writers of the Gospels had contradicted each other. He said, "One of the writers said the women saw the angels outside the sepulcher; while another says they were inside. Which are we to believe?" "Both," said the Christian Evidence lecturer. "When the women saw two angels outside, they were told to go and tell the disciples and Peter. Well, it would take at least half an hour to go to Peter's house and return, and when they got back Mary saw two angels inside the tomb. Why, man, added the lecturer, "a tortoise could have gone from the outside to the inside of the tomb in that time, let alone an angel!" And the crowd laughed.

Treasurer of the Tomb.—"He is risen; he is not here." During the great World War it was announced by the news dispatches that the British armies operating in Palestine had at last captured Jerusalem. But before the Turks evacuated the Holy City, they hastened to the famous tomb of Jesus and "robbed it of all its treasures." When I read this remarkable dispatch I smiled out loud, for I knew better. The real treasures of that broken tomb are secure. They can never be carried off or lost at the hands of pagan raiders of unbelief.

The Winner in the Game of Death. —"He that believeth . . . shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." There is a wonderful picture called "The Game of Death," in which a young man is represented as playing chess with the Devil. The Devil has apparently won the game by the position of the chessmen. A noted chess player once went to see the picture, and after looking at it, he said, "I can save that fellow." Then he explained how the chessmen should be moved to save the game. "That," said Dr. Stuart Holden, "is what Jesus Christ has done. He has in one move eternally checkmated death and the Devil, and snatched the prey from the mighty." — S. S. Times.

Boys and Girls Corner

HOME, SWEET HOME

Did you ever ride
On the shut-eye train,
The shut-eye, shut-eye,
Shut-eye-train?

First you have an engine,
To puff up the stairs,
And then you have a coal car,
If anybody dares!

And then you have a parlor car,
Where all the ladies ride,
And sometimes on the very end
A barking dog is tied!

Uncle Timothy hardly had time to press the horn to announce the Crusader's arrival home, when the side door of the Weatherby home opened and Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby came out with open, loving arms. Debbie and Davie bounced out of the car, with Goliath tangled up in their feet. The first sight their parents had of the twins was a heap of arms and legs and a wriggling, barking dog.

"My, my," called their father, "We're having quite a little mix-up here. Somebody's dog is upsetting my whole family."

"He's not 'somebody's' dog," replied Davie, rising to his feet.

"Surely he can't be nobody's dog," reasoned their mother, catching Debbie and hugging her. "I've missed you, my girl. I've missed you—so much."

"He's not nobody's dog either," continued Davie excitedly, from where he was hanging around father's neck. "He is OUR dog! We own him—he belongs to US!"

"Yes, Mother," added Debbie. "We found him, then we lost him, then we found him again, and then we bought him. So he is really ours. Do you like him? We do!"

"Well, I think before anybody says how much he likes the dog, somebody ought to say hello to me. Remember me? I'm Uncle Timothy."

"We certainly do remember you, Brother dear," said his sister, kissing him. Mr. Weatherby unwound one of his arms from Davie long enough to shake his hand vigorously. "Yes, Timothy, it's so good to see you again. Welcome home."

"Well,—now about Goliath," suggested Davie.

"Goliath? Oh, yes," said Mr. Weatherby, "about the dog."

"We—that is—you—I mean—he—well—" stumbled Davie, before he gave up.

"Sir?" asked his father.

"Well, what I mean is—is—of course—we're going to be able to keep him, aren't we?"

Then their father asked, with a twinkle in his eye, "Mother, shall we keep this Goliath?"

"Oh, we couldn't part with him, I suppose. Not since Debbie and Davie have adopted him," answered Mrs. Weatherby.

"That's just what I was thinking," said their father.

"Then—he's really and truly—ours—to keep for always!" shouted Debbie, with rising voice.

"See—Uncle Timothy—see! What did I tell you? I guess we have the best Mother and Dad that ever lived!" exclaimed Davie, sliding from his mother's arms and playfully grabbing Goliath by the ears. "Shake hands with Mother and Father," he commanded.

For a minute it looked like Goliath didn't understand. Finally he seemed to smile. At least he opened his mouth very wide, and raised one paw. Each one cordially shook his paw, and the twins proudly watched the gesture of friendship.

Everybody helped carry suitcases and boxes into the house, and soon they were sitting around the dining room table, drinking cocoa and eating peanut butter sandwiches.

"Well," said their mother, beaming at her children, "tell us what happened on the trip. Your letters seemed rather sparse—and sometimes we had to fill in between the lines."

"What do you mean, Mother?" asked Debbie, wonderingly.

"Sparse means," said their father, "that we guessed at what you meant to say, but didn't remember to write down."

"Oh!" said Debbie, trying to unstick her tongue from the roof of her mouth, after a big bite of peanut-buttered bread.

"So many things happened that I guess it will take weeks for us to remember it all to tell you," began Uncle Timothy, "we had some rather exciting adventures, and we met many people. Best of all, we had many opportunities for telling the gospel story. You didn't know that you had two coming missionaries, did you?"

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby looked lovingly across the table at their children. Then their father asked:

"Tell us something about your missionary work."

"Well," answered Debbie, thoughtfully, "in a way it was hard to stand out on the sidewalk and ask the boys and girls if they wanted to hear some Good News. It made people look at you and talk about you, but after a while we sort of got used to it. You see, we did want them to know about Jesus. And they liked to see the trailer, and to hear about Uncle Timothy going to Mexico."

"Yes," said Davie, "they liked to hear about Mexico. And they always liked to get the tracts we gave them. They mostly liked the ones with pictures."

"One day Davie preached a sermon to some boys and girls," said Debbie.

"You did?" asked his mother. "Tell us about it, Davie."

"Oh, it wasn't a sermon. I just talked to them. But I had a text."

"What was your text?" asked his father.

"Revelation 3: 20. That was the verse we learned in Sunday school the Sunday before we started on our trip."

"And he presented it very well," said Uncle Timothy. "Tell them briefly what you said, Davie."

"Well, that verse says, 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.' I just told them that the Lord Jesus was knocking at their hearts and that He wanted them to open the doors so He could come into their hearts and lives. That He wanted to give them real joy and happiness, and the life everlasting we learned

about in John 3: 16. I asked them, didn't they want the Lord Jesus to live in their hearts, and if they did, and would ask Him to please come, that I knew He would because He loves us and loves everybody."

Their mother blinked to keep tears from rolling down her cheeks. Their father reached in his pocket and took out a handkerchief.

"You know," said Debbie, "when the children heard about the Lord Jesus they loved Him right away. It seemed that way to me."

"Yes," agreed Uncle Timothy. "When children hear about the Lord Jesus they do love Him. But, it is very sad, Debbie, that many, many children never hear about Him."

"But aren't there Sunday schools and churches and missions and things everywhere?" questioned Debbie in a puzzled voice.

"Yes, in this country there are," said Uncle Timothy. "But you see, there are hundreds—thousands—of children who don't go to missions or Sunday schools or churches. No one tells them about Sunday school, or takes them, and they just grow up never knowing about their Saviour. It doesn't seem possible in a Christian land, but it is true. That's why doing what we did this summer is so necessary. If children don't go to Sunday school—then the Sunday school ought to go to the children."

"But we didn't have Sunday school in those towns," interrupted Davie.

"No, we didn't have Sunday school," agreed Uncle Timothy. "But we did give the message that is given in Sunday schools. That was what Miss Brown was doing—going to the places where children were and telling them the Good News."

"Yes," said Mrs. Weatherby, "You wrote about Miss Brown. She must be a lovely Christian lady."

"She is," put in Debbie. "We just seemed to fall in love with her."

"Well," said their mother, "Father and I can't tell you how happy it makes us to know that our children have been doing real missionary work. Who can tell what will result from those simple little gatherings beside the trailer this summer?"

"We have been sowing seeds, like in the parable, haven't we?" suggested Davie.

"Yes," said their father, "You've been sowing gospel seeds, and may we pray that our heavenly Father will water those seeds, that they may bear fruit a hundredfold."

"We will!" chorused the twins.

"Do I believe my eyes?" said their mother. "Does that clock say ten o'clock?"

"I'm afraid it does," laughed Uncle Timothy. "That means the arrival of the shut-eye train for three pairs of eyes that I know."

"Three pairs?" asked Debbie.

"Yes—three pairs— Debbie — Davie—and Goliath!"

"All aboard—all aboard the shut-eye train," called their father, chugging and puffing slowly toward the stairs. "Time-to-go-to-bed; time-to-go-to-bed; time-to-go-to-bed; time-to-go-to-bed."

Davie and Debbie "hitched" on the back of his coat tails, and the shut-eye train slowly mounted the stairs, Goliath faithfully following like a train caboose.

"How happy we are to have them home with us again," said Mrs. Weatherby, as she and her brother proceeded to the living room. "Timothy, may the Lord reward you for what you have done for our children this summer, in taking them with you. Though they are still young, they know the joy of being witnesses for their Saviour."

"Yes," answered her brother, "it was a rich experience for us all. It was a joy and inspiration to me to have them at my side all the time, and especially when I gave out the Gospel. May the Lord bless you for sparing them to me these past weeks."

"And now, tell me about Miss Brown."

"Oh yes, Miss Brown," answered Timothy, very thoughtfully. "I—"

"Goodnight, Mother. Goodnight, Uncle Timothy," interrupted two happy voices from overhead.

—Crusaders on Wheels by Virginia Baker.—The Moody Press

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We remember the words which he used to say, and the prayers he used to pray. The word of God he used to hear now awaits him on that day. The empty chair in which he sat by the fireside of his home will never be filled by another. Grandfather's days are gone, though his footsteps sounded for many a year around a lovely home.

His memory goes on and on, and the last time I saw his shining face, he smiled as we parted. I had to go away as the war goes on, and the storms of life arise.

The sea may roar and fret,
Though our loving Grandfather's worries are gone;
But the most of ours are remembered yet,
And we remember how he cared and loved us everyone.

Just a word to you, Grandmother,
Your best friend has been taken away;
I know your tears are many and sad,
But God will wipe them all away.

Sgt. Henry D. Owens

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CARY. On November 20, 1942, Johnie Cary, a member of People's Chapel, passed away to the world beyond. He was 33 years old at the time of his death. He left a wife and several small children to mourn their loss. He also had several brothers and sisters.

We are in greatest sympathy with his loved ones, and sincerely hope that he is at rest with God.

Ruth Winstead,
Rev. J. F. Parrish

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CARY. After several years of illness, one of our oldest members, Mrs. Louisa Cary, died at her home near Elm City, North Carolina. She died on March 19, 1943, and was buried in the People's Chapel Cemetery.

She was 69 years old. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Grady Winstead, and Miss Katie Cary, one son William Cary, and her husband, Mr. Wesley Cary.

We trust that she is sleeping peacefully with her Lord.

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For theirs is the risen Lord;
For them He lives, and to them He gives
The fountain of life restored.

Blessed are they of the Easter cheer,
For theirs is the burning heart;
For them the tomb is bereft of gloom,
They walk with their Lord apart.

Blessed are they of the Easter hope,
For theirs is the open gate;
It swings through the tomb to that other room
Where the Lord and our loved ones wait.

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By Alice Louise Cary

At midweek meeting,
  Faithful ones are there;
Christ's Body meets Him
  At the place of prayer.

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EASTER THOUGHTS

There is a significance to all Christendom concerning the term "Easter." The word, in the earlier English Version, has been frequently used as the translation of paschal which in the Greek means "passover." Furthermore, the word "passover" in the Authorized Version, was substituted in all passages but this; and "in the New Revision Passover is used here." The word Easter is found in the Book of Acts 12: 4. The occasion is an annnual church celebration, as all Christians know, which commemorates Christ's resurrection.

The early church, according to history, was divided as to the nature and time of this celebration. Some church communion, because of the coincidence of Christ's death with the Jewish Passover Feast, were influenced to celebrate the occasion at that time. There were others who placed Easter always on the 25th of March, thus adhering strictly to the calendar date. Uniformity, however, was established by the First Nicene Council, which convened at Nicea or Nice in Asia Minor in A. D. 325, and which determined that Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon on or the next after the Vernal Equinox.

Some people associate new and beautiful wearing apparel with the Easter season more than they do the resurrection of Christ from the tomb on that sacred occasion. They think fine clothes must, by all means, be purchased and neatly fitted, and worn especially on Easter Sunday. To them it is the time to be well dressed in gaudy clothing. They think of Easter as the time to be looking their best. Hence, the outward appearance is their first concern when they think of attending services on Easter Sunday.

Well, it is certainly commendable in both men and women to be well groomed on Easter Sunday. Certainly God respects tidiness and neatness in anyone. In fact, it is a sign of personal neatness or tidiness in the individual when he or she pays special attention, at any time, to his or her manner of dress, whether on Easter Sunday, or on any other Lord's Day. But the manner of life within the person who is well dressed is, after all, the thing that counts most. If the conscience is clear, the heart is right, and the thoughts are clean, then the person is better prepared to go to the house of the Lord on Easter Sunday, and to enter into true and sacred worship unto God. On the other hand, to go to church to be seen and to make a show, among others, of fine, new clothes one is wearing on Easter Sunday, is the manifestation of hypocrisy, to say the least. Smart clothes do not make the man, nor the woman in the sight of God; but true worship, faith and obedience do. Moreover, those who put God and sincere worship and earnest devotion first in their hearts on Easter Sunday, while they are attending the Sunday morning services in the house of God, can pay reverance to the Lord, whether they wear new Easter garments, or the clothes they had been accustomed to wear to church.

There are others who think of the Easter season as a time in which they can go sight-seeing and pleasure making. Some, for example, take a day off from business to visit interesting places, while others seek sensual pleasures for the season. In one particular especially, we have reference to the generally known Easter balls or dances that are usually staged at colleges and universities, and in many other places over the country during the Easter season. Such are parties of gaiety, frivolity and sensual pleasures which are entered into to satisfy the desires of the carnal nature of some people. On such occasions, the use of strong drink and the evidence of immoral conduct are often seen to be participated in by many of the attendants as a part of the merry-making and the sportive life. As may be expected, no good thing results from these gay Easter gatherings of joy-making among certain classes of people. God is not pleased with such sport-making either during the Easter season or at any other time. In the minds of true Christian people, it is certainly distasteful to think of, particularly during the Easter season. For people to associate such gaiety with Easter in all of its sacredness is the height of folly in the sight of God.

Christian people know better, and all cultured people should strive to do better than to allow themselves to have a hand or to take a part in such things. Those who are devoted to God and His righteous cause will not have anything to do with such parties, nor go about them while they are going on. The true spirit of Easter is the thing which concerns them most, and they want to pay their respects to the blessed Son of God who arose from the tomb and ascended to glory to prepare the many mansions for them; and for all true followers of the way of eternal life.

TO MY SON

"Do you know that your soul of my soul is such a part,
That you seem to be fiber and core of my heart?
None other can pain me as you, dear, can do,
None other can please me or praise me as you.

"Remember the world will be quick with its blame,
If shadow or stain ever darken your name;
'Like mother, like son,' is a saying so true,
The world will judge largely of mother by you.

"Be yours then the task, if task it shall be,
To force the proud world to do homage to me.
Be sure that it says when its verdict you've won,
'She reaped as she sowed, Lo, this is her son.' "

—Author Unknown.

Our Retired Ministers

M. L. Johnson, Chairman,
N. C. Board of
Superannuation

Last week in this paper, I discussed some of the needs for Superannuation in our church. This week I wish to tell you more about our retired ministers.

May we notice again the title, "Our Retired Ministers." They are ministers of our own church that we love so much. In fact these ministers are our church Fathers.

In searching through the minutes of our different Conferences and Associations of N. C., we find the names of at least eighteen disabled and retired ministers. They have retired from active service because of ill health or old age. They did not retire because they wanted to, but they kept busy just as long as they could. Many of them continued to be active long after they were not physically able to continue. It was their desire to keep on doing their best for their church and their Lord.

The story of the lives and labours of these ministers is one that is very beautiful and noble. That story is full of sacrifice and hardship, yet it is a story of victory. It may be true that they did not reach all of the goals for which they laboured, but they were successful in holding their own and even gaining ground and now they give to us greater opportunities than they have ever had.

I offer the following very interesting facts about our retired ministers. Their total age is one thousand three hundred and four years, or an average of seventy two and one half years. They have spent a total of six hundred, seventy eight years in the ministry of our church. You can see from these figures that they have given more than half of their years in service. They have averaged almost forty years each in service, and we have ten who have been preaching forty years or more. There are three who have been preaching fifty years or more, and one who has been preaching sixty-two years. Of the eighteen ministers, two-thirds of them are seventy years old or older, and one is ninety three years of age.

For your information, I list the names of those retired ministers that your Board knows of. If, when you have checked this list, you know of others who should be added to this list, please notify me at once. I also list by the side of each name, the number of years they have been preaching in our church.

Name	Years In Ministry
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Rev. L. W. Wetherington	40
Rev. H. R. Faircloth	35
Rev. E. T. Phillips	50
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You will notice that this list includes the names of some of our leading and most successful ministers of just a few years ago. They were very active in the work of our church. It was they who organized and built many of our best churches. Will you not look back to a few years ago when they were the leaders of our church? We know that they were always willing to make any sacrifice to serve mankind. Many of us can recall the day that we were lowered into the watery grave of baptism by the gentle hands of one of these ministers. Many of us recall the day when we stood at the altar to be united in marriage, and it was one of these that performed the ceremony, and asked God's richest blessings upon us. We recall the times that one of these came to our homes to talk with, and pray for the sick. We recall, too, the times when we looked to them for comfort and guidance in times of bereavement. These and many others, are the services that our retired ministers have unselfishly rendered during their active ministry. Surely they did their work well. Surely we are grateful to them.

Now, after considering the service rendered by the ministers let us ask ourselves, what we have done to prove that we appreciate their service. Most of the ministers spent so much of their time and means in the work of the church that they could not prepare for old age as many of the laymen did. Now, many of them find themselves without the necessities of life. They do not have the means to pay for the things they need and are entitled to. Would you have them look to the Welfare Department for the help they need? No. Some of them have been forced to do just that. Are you satisfied for them to continue to do so?

I believe it is our duty and privilege to provide well for their needs. They have served us well, surely we can not afford to let them down.

Superannuation is not "public charity." It is simply paying our debt to those who have labored so faithfully for the salvation of souls. We could not support a more worthy cause than to help brighten the lives of our retired ministers, in this, their last years with us. Won't you please support this cause by sending a nice contribution to Mrs. M. A. Woodard of Winterville, N. C., who is treasurer of the N. C. State Board of Superannuation?

In the next article I will tell you more about what we have done, and are doing for our retired ministers.

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As treasurer of the Church Finance Incorporated, I wish to remind our many friends in North Carolina of the Annual meeting which is to be held in the Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church on April 28, 1943, at 10:30 A. M. Eastern War Time.

This is the youngest State-wide organization that we have in North Carolina, yet during the three years of its operation it has proven to be a good thing. During this time we have made five loans to churches and religious organizations, amounting to $5,107.45. This money earns interest just as other loans, and the interest is kept in the organization to be loaned to other church organizations. We feel that, if we have been able to do this in the short time that we have been operating, we should do much more during the next three years.

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I hope that all members will attend the Annual meeting. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member may write to me at Lucama, North Carolina, Box 83, and I will be very glad to tell you more about it. Or better still, please visit us in our Annual meeting. Pay special notice in the Baptist paper for more complete report which will come soon after our meeting on April 28.

M. L. Johnson, Treasurer

THE FARMER'S LIFE

"A farmer's life the life for me,
I own I love it dearly,
And ev'ry season full of glee,
I take its labor cheerly;
To plow or sow, to thrash, sir,
All this to me, I plainly see,
Will bring me health and cash, sir.

"The lawyer leads a harrass'd life,
Much like the hunted otter,
And 'tween his own and other's strife,
He's always in hot water;
For foe or friend, a cause defend,
However wrong must be, sir,
In reason's spite, maintain its right,
And clearly earn his fee, sir.

"The doctor's styled a gentleman,
But this I hold but humming,
For like a tavern waiting-man,
To ev'ry call he's coming;
Now here, now there must he repair,
Or strife, sir, by denying,
Like death himself, unhappy elf,
He lives by other's dying.

"A farmer's life then let me lead,
Obtaining while I lead it,
Enough for self and some to give,
To such poor souls as need it;
I'll drain and fence, nor grudge expense,
To give my land good dressing,
I'll plow and sow, or drill in row,
And hope from Heav'n a blessing."

—Anonymous

INSPIRATION MAKES A MINISTER

The apostle had a true conception of the spiritual election and function of the Church. "Thy money," said Peter to the sorcerer, "perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." The Church had not then become a machine. Ordination was not then a thing to be arranged. It was **inspiration.** It was the sudden seizing of the mind, and its transformation into spiritual dignity and majesty.

We do not understand this now. Men are now "prepared" for the ministry. Now we "educate" men for the pulpit. By all means be educated, be instructed; but educate the **man,** and the **citizen,** and let the **pulpit** alone. You do not educate the poet. You educate the man; and too much education we cannot have. There is no virtue in ignorance; ignorance is always weakness. Therefore would I uphold strenuously the education of the citizen, the subject, the man, the individual, but let the pulpit receive the gift of God.

We are not to come to this work by arrangement of man. The ministry ought not to be a class, or clique, or sect of its own by any man's arrangements. It should be elect of God. A minister should wear his credentials openly, and they should be so written that none can dispute their authenticity. Educate men for the ministry! "Thy education perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God" could be purchased by schooling. Get all the education you can; be the best informed man of your circle, so far as is possible. Encourage intellectual ambition, and satisfy it even to satiety. But inspiration makes a minister!

And inspiration makes the church. In such a sense as we rarely realize is that word true. "Not by might, and not by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." When the Church learns that lesson, the Church will have no need to cry out for more ministers, for the Church will by such a feeling utter a prevailing prayer to heaven that "laborers may be thrust into the harvest."

Are you, young man, considering whether you will enter Christ's ministry or not? Then pray God you may never enter it; for it is not a question for consideration. There are those—shame on their gray hairs—who are telling us that if the Church would offer more money to the young men of our "better families" they might possibly give themselves to the ministry! A malediction from heaven be upon such thoughts! Does Christ want the members of our "better families" to be kind enough to accept positions as His ambassadors, and expositors, and friends? He was always despised and rejected of men. He will choose His own ministers. **He** will see to it that the pulpit is never silent. It may change its form of utterance, and its attitude toward the whole necessity of civilized life; but Christ will find His own ministers, and inspire them with His own spirit.—Joseph Parker, in The People's Bible.—In Moody Monthly.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage Movement, appointed by the State Association, met in Jasper, Alabama, on March 5, 1943 and purchased the property known as the Baptist Academy of Eldridge, Alabama.

This property consists of near 10 acres of land, one large two-story brick building with 45 rooms, heating plant and water system. The next building in size is one they taught in. It has 6 nice class rooms and auditorium. The smallest building has 14 rooms, the best I remember. These pictures will show you what a beautiful sight it is.

This property was purchased to be used for an orphanage. But, there is room to have a home for our superannuated ministers or to be used for a Bible School. It seems to me we could care for over 100 children there, so far as room is concerned.

We paid $500.00 down on the property, we are to pay $500.00 the 1st. of July, and $1,000 each January 1st. until we pay $7,000.00 with 5% interest. But I believe we F. W. B. of Alabama can pay for it this year.

The day we bought the property, many of our men had to leave on buses or be left. So we did not elect a field man; but we are to meet at the property on April 23rd, and have a meeting and do work on the property. Each trustee is a financial agent until we meet again. We tried to get a man on the board from each association, but didn't quite do that.

The State Board at Montgomery for "Child Caring Institutions" advised us not to take children until all debts are canceled. The State Board has hard rules in this State.

I believe our people will help, if you Brother preachers will put it before your people. I have found our people very responsive to the needs of our church when they were properly informed. Many of our people are giving $5, $10, or even more who never had this opportunity before. I believe if we can contact these 20,000 F. W. B. in the State, we can pay for it this year. If you live out of the State, and want to help, it will be gladly

accepted. Send your money to Mr. V. C. May, Vernon, Alabama.

Come on Free Will Baptists and let's pay for this property this year and not use 6 or 7 years in which to do it. A big "guess" says it will take around $2,000 to put this property back in first class shape. But then we will have property valued at around $100,000.00. The man who is looking after this property has seen it from the beginning, and says the largest building, heating plant and water system cost $75,000.00. Do you want your money's worth? Surely you do. Then help us pay for this property.

K. V. Shutes, Chm. of Trustees,

Cordova, Alabama

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Dear Brethren:

I joined the Free Will Baptist church when I was only fourteen years old. I have enjoyed reading the Baptist paper for many years. I am now shut in, and have been for a long time. I am sixty-one years old. I have had the opportunity to go to church only three times in the last seven years, as I am so very feeble.

I have had the pleasure of having had a minister coming and holding one or two prayer services with me. Brother J. W. Alford came to see me and prayed with me the first year I was sick. Also Brother D. Bissette came to see me in 1938 two or three times.

I certainly will be thankful for the prayers of all the Christian people, and also for any minister to come to pray with me. I love the Free Will Baptist doctrine because it strives to carry out all the Lord's commandments. I fully believe that if we take the bread and wine at the Communion Table, we should also wash the saints' feet. I am not criticising other denominations, for I believe that there are Christian people in all of them.

I do thank God for the brethren and sisters who knock hard the beer and whiskey business. I am praying that the last drop may be destroyed. Let us keep knocking that damnable business until something is done about it. Let us pray that God will have it destroyed. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Think how some will drink whiskey and take the name of God in vain. May the Lord our God rest and abide with everyone is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Lawrence Boykin,

Bailey, N. C., Route 3.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

(Receipts for month of March)

National Women's Auxiliary Convention	$ 44.86
National Treasurer F. S. Vanhoose from Unified Program Fund	73.73
Wolverine Association of Michigan by Homer Harris, Treasurer	75.31
Bridgeton Ladies Aid, Bridgeton, N. C.	3.00
State of Ohio by Grace Peach, Treasurer	100.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	2.00
Young People's League of Tulsa church	10.00
George Webster, Washington, N. C.	15.00
State of Oklahoma, (Vance Chapel Church)	15.00
Ladies Aux. of Pleasant View church of Ill.	26.50
Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Nashville, Tenn.	5.00
Rescue Sunday School, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	165.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla.	10.00
Missouri State Association	195.60
North Carolina, by State Treasurer	32.12
Christian Grove Church of Oklahoma	5.90
Bear Point S. S. of Illinois	25.00
Total	$804.02

Winford Davis, Treas.

HOW CAN I DARE TO SIN IN THOUGHT?

Alice Purves Allan

He **died** to put away my sin;
He **lives** to cleanse my heart within—
My blessed Saviour and my Lord,
Oh, let me to His praise record!

How can I sin against such love?
How can I look to Heaven above
And gaze upon that azure-blue,
Yet think of that which is untrue?

How can I glance at shrubs around,
Or flowers, of varied colors found—
His handiwork—and yet remain
Content to muse on what is vain?

And when I think on what **He's done**
At Calvary—God's only Son—
How can I dare to sin in thought?
At what a price my life was bought!

A price inestimable this—
The Blood of Christ! And Heavenly bliss
I'd know, if I could fix each thought
On **Him who gave His life** unsought.

A PRAYER OF FAITH

God is my help in every need,
He does my every hunger feed,
He stands beside me day by day,
He leads and guides me all the way.

God is my help in every hour,
He keeps me by his mighty power,
I have no need to doubt nor fear,
Since I know my Father's near.

God is my help as I go along,
So I'll be happy and sing a song.
I will not cry and whine,
For I am his and He is mine.

God is my help in every way,
He cares for me both night and day.
I will do his holy will,
And hear Him say, "Peace be still."

Composed by Mamie Langley
—Sent in by Mrs. Vass Heath

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

Good News

Mrs. Chester Pelt informed us Wednesday of last week that Bro. Pelt was "receiving Foreign Mission money early in the month." This is encouraging. We are praising the Lord for answered prayer. Let us as a State organization show to the world that we are deeply anxious about the salvation of those who live in foreign lands.

We have the money. Free Will Baptists are not poor people in the general sense. Of course we do not have many millionaires, but we belong to that class of people to whom Jesus went for the enlistment of followers—"the common people who heard Him gladly"—and with such people the Christian religion had its beginning. So, let us remember that Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Yes, may we do more this month than has ever been done in any whole year of the life of the State Association. We can, Brother Pastors, it is up to us. If we say "Foreign Missions," with "The Love of Christ constraining us," offerings will be forth-coming. Send your offering to Rev. Chester Pelt, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, N. C.

The Cape Fear Auxiliary

It was our happy privilege to attend the Cape Fear Auxiliary, which met in Goldsboro last week, where we had the cordial welcome of that body, through its president, Mrs. M. E. Godwin, of placing the "Six-Point Program" before the congregation. I find that all the auxiliaries of North Carolina are solid behind any and every movement that will extend the Gospel of Christ. It was a pleasure indeed to see and hear of the work that is being done by this, the Cape Fear Auxiliary.

Further, it was a pleasure to be with our old friends at Goldsboro. How well do we remember those days when we laboured as their pastor. While some of the faithful of that day have gone to their rewards, and some others have moved elsewhere, there are still those who love the Lord and are carrying on for Jesus. Recently they have laid a new floor in the main auditorium, and placed new church pews.

And when it came to feeding the congregation we could not understand how that "ration-books" could ever allow such a feed, but it was done wonderfully, and those women seemed so happy in the doing. Well, it has been stated of old, "Where there is a will there is a way," and God's children can find the way, when it is the Lord's will that they work.

Truths from "Tabloid Tithing Truths"

"When a man gets rich, God gets a partner or the man loses his soul."

"Stewardship puts the Golden Rule in place of the rule of gold."

"Not how much of my money must I give to God, but how much need I use for myself."

"I will place no value on anything I may have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ."

"Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart."

"The unconsecrated wealth of Christian's is the greatest hindrance to the church's progress."

"Jesus teaches that a man's attitude to the Kingdom of God is revealed by his attitude to his property."

"Earning maketh an industrious man; spending, a well furnished man; saving, a prepared man; giving, a blessed man."

"It is a trick with little children, in a spasm of generosity, to give to those whom they love some dear possession, and to take it back again. And it is thus that too many Christians act toward Christ. They ask Him to consider all their possessions as His; but they determine how much to give to a collection without once asking Him what He desires." The Rev. F. B. Meyer.

"I have never seen nor known a long-face tither. All I have ever known wear smiling faces. Knowing, as we all do, that the source of all real happiness is within us, is not this fact significant? 'The life of God in the soul of man' is the best definition of religion I have seen. If tithing develops that life until it shows up in our faces, can we afford to neglect it?" Thomas Kane. Layman Co., New Series No. 16.

The State Auxiliary

The State Auxiliary of North Carolina will convene May 20, at Shady Grove church in Sampson County, according to schedule, and from my observance of the district meetings, and I have attended five of these conventions, I am predicting the best reports in the history of the Convention. More people are responding to various causes. Both men and women are more together, and the fellowship is growing more and more delightful in the workings of the conventions and associations. A united effort will bring to God's people a glorious success. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit all wrinkles and mis-understandings can be ironed out and organizations can function for the glory of God in a greater capacity and with more efficiency than individuals can ever hope to do separately and without co-operation. God speed the day when Jesus will lead every group, and that every individual will be joined to the head of the Church instead of man-made ideas and theologies. We are traveling upward, by the GRACE OF GOD, TO THAT GOAL. What Goal? "THE GOAL OF ONENESS."

Note Changes

Some changes have been made in Miss Yeley's Itinerary. See this week's issue.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls
Greenville, N. C.

I was asked a while back if I thought the end of time was near. I answered by saying none of us know the day or the hour, but here is some Scripture that I think will convince most any one that time will not last so very much longer. Second Timothy 3: 1, reads thus, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Now read verses 2, 3, 4, and 5 and see if you don't think all those verses are being fulfilled every day. Speaking of the perilous times, I believe the world is in the worst upheaval it has ever been, unless it was worse just before the flood, and I believe it must have been worse then for only eight righteous people were found to occupy the ark.

Now read second Timothy 3: 13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax (grow) worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." We understand by verse 13 that evil will keep on multiplying, and when it has grown to such a great extent that there is not ten righteous people to be found, then we may look for Christ to descend from the Glory world. Some one may want to know why I spoke of ten righteous people in the paragraph above. Don't you remember that the Lord told Abraham that if ten righteous people could be found in Sodom and Gomorrah he (the Lord) would not overthrow the city. But when a search was made there were only four found. Read Genesis 18: 32 for the ten spoken of above; and, for the four that left Sodom and Gomorrah, read Genesis 19: 16.

We are told in the Scripture, "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven." That is exactly what Lot's wife did. She looked back (Gen. 19: 26), and became a pillar of salt. But I would have you all to know that a worse fate awaits everyone who has started to walk the Straight and Narrow way, and looks back with longing eyes upon the sinful things of this world. My prayer is, May all who have left their Sodom and Gomorrah of sins keep their eyes focused on the mountain tops of glory and press on with steady steps until they have reached their goal of safety.—Amen.

"PRAISE"

O Thou whose bounty fills my cup,
With every blessing meet!
I give Thee thanks for every drop—
The bitter and the sweet.

I praise Thee for the desert road,
And for the riverside;
For all Thy goodness hath bestowed,
And all Thy grace denied.

I thank Thee for both smile and frown,
And for the gain and loss;
I praise Thee for the future crown
And for the present cross.

I thank Thee for the wing of love
Which stirred my worldly nest;
And for the stormy clouds which drove
Me, trembling, to Thy breast.

I bless Thee for the glad increase,
And for the waning joy;
And for this strange, this settled peace
Which nothing can destroy.

—Selected

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

"I WILLS"

(A Message from the National Field Worker)

We always have to have a starting place with everything, so after reading the 116 Psalm, it gave us several starting points upon which a number of good articles might be written. One outstanding declaration made by the Psalmist caused an unusual grip to seize upon my innermost being, and that is when David said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (verse 14).

The first two words "I will" are the ones that I want to stress. First, we thought of the fast approaching "Week of Prayer" which will, no doubt, result into new thoughts, new visions, new aspirations and new goals in the hearts of the women that they might reach or attain greater heights in the kingdom work. Not withstanding the fact that our old program will be the one great aim in which we will be emphasizing prevailing prayer, the new thoughts will be wonderful as the Holy Spirit fills us with wisdom, vision and understanding. But often we try to do too many things and do practically nothing.

Now, this is what we have in mind: First, "I will" keep the Week of Prayer, whether at the church or at home. "I will" pay my vows—I mean by this for each worker to carry out the great program in prayer and work. Our spiritual side comes first; then our financial side next. Let us stop and think what is embraced in our great program. First, "I will" give of my means to support our Bible School in Nashville, which means giving to Christian education. "I will" give of my means to missions, both home and foreign. "I will" give to superannuation to bless the disabled ministers.

Now, I have a word to the good women concerning the Chest and the Penny banks. Make this your resolve: "I will" send my dollar monthly through the Jehoiada Chest to Sister Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee. "I will" support my Penny bank by dropping in a penny each day, and taking it to my church monthly, and then letting it be sent to Rev. F. S. Vanhoose, Paintsville, Kentucky. "I will" keep the 9 o'clock hour of prayer, set aside by our national auxiliary convention, to carry out our program, and to reach the goal through which we are striving, God being my helper.

Now, dear women, if you will carry out these "I wills" mentioned concerning our work, we will soon see thousands of souls saved, and new churches established in the large cities and towns. Also new mission fields will be opened in all parts of the earth. As Christ has commanded, let us so do, and see how we can reap a rich harvest here and hereafter for the glory of God. According to the Master's own testimony, we will have a short time to finish the work which He has left in our hands. If we shall be faithful a few more days, we can then look up and say with John, "Come Lord Jesus."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.—Amen.

Lizzie McAdams

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NOTICE TO LOCAL SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTS

At our Central Conference Auxiliary Convention, we obligated ourselves to raise the sum of $105 for the purpose of buying furnishings for one bedroom of the Bible School dormitory, at Nashville, Tennessee. Two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) was the apportionment for each local auxiliary.

If every Women's Auxiliary will send this amount, it will be sufficient to furnish the room. I am receiving some money now on this project. Please, all local second vice-presidents of the Central District, send this amount ($2.50) or more, to me as early as you can arrange to do so.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Second Vice-President,
Central District,
Winterville, N. C.

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SHADY GROVE AID REPORT

Our Aid met at the church on March 25, 1943, and Mrs. Linton Wilson, president, presided over the meeting. The program was opened with the hymn entitled, "What Would You Do?" A prayer was then offered and the topic of the lesson was "Carrying out the Great Commission in the Home Land." Miss Lucy Warren was then in charge.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, the secretary, called the roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting. New officers were elected for the coming year, and delegates were elected to attend the Auxiliary convention which is to convene at Goldsboro church on April 14. Plans were completed for the Week of Prayer to be held at the church April 18 through 23. The meeting was closed with prayer. Members present, 12; dues collected, $1.40; Christian education money, $1.00; money raised by selling cards, $2.40.

Activities

Aids organized	1
Number of tithers	4
Sick visits made	30
Trays given to the sick	4
Chapters read	148
Quarts of milk given to the needy	130
Soul-winning efforts	3
Bibles distributed	1

Officers for the Year

President, Mrs. Linton Wilson
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Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Mangum Daughtery

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Program Committee: Mesdames D. H. Dawson, Crayton Jernigan, and Mangum Daughtery

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Secretary,
Dunn, N. C., Route 1

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ROSE OF SHARON AID REPORT

Our society met in its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Zelma Cowan on Friday afternoon, April 2, 1943. There were ten members and one visitor present. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer was offered by Miss Vennie Wynn, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Zelma Cowan.

After reading our program, the business session was entered into by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, and the calling of the roll. It was decided to send $2.50 to help furnish a room in the Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. There being no further business the meeting closed with a short prayer by Mrs. Sylabet Rogers.

We are to meet with Mrs. Lella Cratt in May. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Aid Activities

Bible chapters read	204
Sick visits made	79
Quarts of milk given to the needy	44
Trays taken to the sick	11
Flowers to the sick	3
On hand April 1	$27.75
Dues collected	$2.10

We are asking the church people to pray that we may be able to do more for the Master's cause.

Mrs. Bessie Cowan,
Secretary

ITINERARY FOR MISS BESSIE YELEY

By J. C. Griffin

Saturday, May 1, with Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Durham, N. C.

Sunday, May 2, Edgemont, Durham

Monday, May 3, Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex

Tuesday, May 4, Free Union, Nash County

Wednesday, May 5, Holly Springs, Johnston County

Thursday, May 6, Kenly F. W. B. Church

Friday, May 7, Selma Church

Saturday, May 8, Union Grove, Wayne County

Sunday, May 9, Fremont Chapel, Wayne County

Monday, May 10, Dailey's Chapel, Seven Springs, N. C.

Tuesday, May 11, Cabin, Duplin County

Wednesday, May 12, Sandy Plain, Duplin County

Thursday, May 13, Bethel, Kinston, N. C.

Friday, May 14, Macedonia, Craven County

Saturday, May 15, Reedy Branch, Pitt County

Sunday, May 16, (11:00 a. m.) Ayden

Sunday, May 16, (8:00 p. m.) Black Jack

Monday, May 17, F. W. B. Church, Davis, N. C.

Tuesday, May 18, Stacy church.

Wednesday, May 19, Bridgeton, N. C.

Thursday, May 20, St. Mary's, New Bern, N. C.

Friday, May 21, St. Paul's, Elizabeth City

Saturday, May 22, travel and rest

Sunday, May 23, (11:00 a. m.) Sound Side

If others desire Miss Yeley to visit you, let me know at once. All appointments will be at night, except otherwise stated.

We hope that Miss Yeley will be conveyed from one church to another, whenever possible.

J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary, N. C.
State Association

A COMPLETE SURRENDER

By Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

"Yet lackest thou one thing" (Lu. 18: 22). This was the instruction of Christ to the young ruler. In the context of this chapter, we find that a Certain Ruler, a young man, and also very wealthy, had asked Christ what he should do to inherit eternal life. Christ, at once, pointed him to the commandments of the Mosaic law. The letter of which, he at once declared he had observed from his youth up. Christ, then, tells him to sell all that he had, and give to the poor, and he should have treasures in heaven, and "Come and follow me."

This young man was of a royal family with great wealth. He asked a chance to do something to inherit eternal life. He was a law abiding man, but he had not humbled himself. The context says that when he heard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very rich. His heart was not broken up because of his sinful nature, for his sorrow was over his worldly goods, and not over his soul. The record says, "He went away sorrowful." But this man is never mentioned again.

He was not willing to pay the price for an humble and contrite heart. He was not willing to change his inner life. He did not have humiliation and self-sacrifice to place salvation first in his heart. He was not willing to give up the social life and practices of the royal family to follow Christ. He was not willing to give up his earthly possessions to have treasures in heaven.

Christ further teaches us in this chapter that complete surrender of heart and life is required. When He saw the young man very sorrowful, He did not condemn needful wealth, but He teaches that excessive riches are liable to enter the heart and life of young leaders of the people, and especially those who inherit great wealth.

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CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER

(Lesson for May 2)

Lesson: John 21: 15-24. Read John 21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13).

A young soldier was condemned to die for a serious offense. The time of his death was fixed at the ringing of the curfew. He was soon to marry a beautiful young lady, whom he had long loved. The young lady, who loved him greatly, used every effort to get a pardon for her lover. She pleaded with the judges, and even with Cromwell himself—but all in vain! She tried to bribe the old sexton not to ring the curfew bell, but her effort was fruitless. The hour of the soldier's death drew near. Everything was ready. The officers of the law brought forth the prisoner. They waited for the signal from the distant bell. To the wonder of everybody, curfew did not ring! The girl who loved the soldier had rushed, unseen, up the winding stairs, and climbed the ladder into the belfry. There she had seized the tongue of the bell. When the old sexton pulled the curfew bell, the brave girl held on to the clapper of the bell. Each time the bell swung to and fro, her body was swayed and hit the side of the bell, but she did not let go! At last the old sexton went away. He was deaf, and did not know that the bell had failed to give forth its sound. The brave girl, wounded and trembling, descended from the belfry. She hurried from the church to the place of execution. Cromwell himself was there. She fell at his feet and told him the story. She showed him her hands, bruised and torn. His heart was touched with pity, and he said, "Go. Your lover lives! Curfew shall not ring to-night!"

On the Cross the Lord Jesus suffered and gave His life for **you** and for **me.** Surely we thank God for His love.—Selected.

All men are guilty before God and under the sentence of death—a death more terrible than that of the body. In infinite love Christ took the place of the guilty, dying in their room and stead. And now, God in His matchless grace offers forgiveness and salvation to the guilty sinner. The soul that believes on Jesus Christ is forgiven and saved. This being the case, the soul that is forgiven should heartily and earnestly love the Saviour, who has made possible the forgiveness. Yes, and such is the effect of Divine forgiveness known and enjoyed.

II. Home Work

1. What difference is noticeable between Peter and Judas after they had sinned? (Lu. 22: 61, 62; Mat. 27: 4, 5).

2. How long after His resurrection did Jesus reveal His love for Peter? (Mk. 16: 7; Lu. 24: 34).

3. What spiritual condition is revealed by Peter's conduct at the news of the resurrection? (John 21: 2-7).

4. What fact about the appearances of the Risen Lord especially impressed the disciples? (Lu. 24: 33, 34).

5. What warning is given to those who feel themselves secure? (I Cor. 10: 12).

6. How did David obtain forgiveness after he sinned? (Ps. 32: 5; 51: 1-11).

7. What provision has God made in case any of His children do wrong? (I Jn. 2: 1, 2; 1: 9).

8. Why is it unnecessary for Christians to sin? (I Jn. 3: 8-10).

9. Why do Christians sometimes fall into error? (Gal. 5: 17; 6: 1; Jas. 1: 14, 15).

10. What should we do in order to be restored if we fail? (Ps. 32: 5; I Jn. 1: 9).

11. Jesus accepts invitations to dine—Mat. 8: 14, 15 (at Peter's); Mat. 26: 6-13 (Simon the leper); Mk. 2: 14-17 (Matthew); Lu. 7: 36-50; 11: 37; 14: 1-14 (Pharisees); Lu. 10: 38-42 (Martha); Lu. 19: 1-10 (Zaccheus); Lu. 24: 29-31 (Cleopas and another disciple); John 2: 1, 2 (marriage in Cana); John 4: 40 (Samaritans); John 12: 1-3 (Lazarus).

12. Explain John 21: 18, 19. See comment in the Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.).

13. How do some commentators explain John 21: 24? See comment in Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.).

III. The Lesson Applied

1. **"Give Ye Them to Eat."** How human need appealed to the heart of the Lord Jesus. He never sent anyone away hungry. Still, He is infinitely interested in the temporal, as well as in the spiritual needs of the hungry multitudes. Like the disciples of old, we often say, "Send them away," when He has commanded us, saying, "Give ye them to eat." They are starving without the "Bread of Life," the Lord Jesus. He is that Bread which came down from Heaven. Are **you** obeying Christ's word of command, "Give **ye** them to eat"? Have **you** told them of the One and only One who can satisfy their spiritual hunger? (Read Mat. 11: 28-30; Rom. 10: 13-15.)

2. **Feeding the Church.** God's command to His servants is: "Feed My lambs"; "Feed My sheep"; "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (John 21: 15-17; I Pet. 5: 2). Observe that the command does not read: "Feed My giraffes," but "Feed My sheep." Put the "food" down low where even the little children can get it. Make the message simple and understandable. His sheep can never be fed on the sawdust of speculations. The only thing which can satisfy their souls, and produce growth into Christ-likeness, is "the sincere milk of the Word" (I Pet. 2: 2). Now a word to the "sheep": If **you** are not hungry, it is not possible for any shepherd, howsoever Spirit-filled, to feed you. "He hath filled

the **hungry** with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away" (Lu. 1: 53). Only those who **hunger and thirst** after righteousness are to be filled. (Read Is. 55: 2; Jer. 3: 15 ;John 6: 51.)

3. Whosoever Will May Come.

In Arizona, a little Indian girl attended a certain church. She was not always treated kindly by some of the little white children. One Sunday the little Indian girl marched into the church and went up to the superintendent of the Sunday School. She asked, "Please, sir, does Jesus love the little Indian children, too?" The superintendent assured her that Jesus did love the little Indian children. Then the little girl said, "Well, I didn't want to bring them in until I found out." Then she walked back to the door, and brought into the service a whole row of little Indian children to hear the Gospel!

GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jon. 3: 16).

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not" (I Jon. 3: 1).

In the first Scripture reference given here we find a manifestation of God's love for the world. This manifestation of God's love shines in what is manifested, first, in God's sending His only begotten Son into the world. In the second place, it is the fact that through Him we shall live. First, this value is seen in His Providence, and second in the redemption which was for man. In the third place, the life of faith which is to be manifested in Christ by believers.

John teaches love and that we should practice love, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. The great love of God in His heart was the only way He had to show to man how He loved him. It is infinite love which God has shown for the world, and the individual believer in Christ Jesus. Apart from God's love for us there would be no chance of redemption. His love is boundless and will remain forever. If He had not expressed His boundless love for man by sending His only begotten Son into the world, then His love would have been shut up in the heart of God.

But now His wonderful love has found an ocean channel once and for ever, for the proof has been given of His love to us. God is love, and the essence of a Christian's life is love. The Christian begins with love to God through Christ Jesus.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
It would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain
The whole thought stretched from sky to sky.

J. A. Ringgold,
Bridgeton, N. C.

OUR FRIENDS

By Clarence Edwin Flynn

Old friends are like the sunshine
Of autumn on the grain.
The springtime tints have vanished,
But all the worths remain.

Old friends are like the moments
Approaching eventide.
Gone is the dew of morning,
But blue skies still abide.

Old friends are like the gleaming
Of coals upon the stone.
Gone is the leaping firelight,
But the warm glow lives on.

Old friends are like the ripeness
Of fruit upon the tree,
They are life's bounty, mellowed
Into maturity.

—The Better Home.

—Sel.

WANTED! A REVIVAL

There are a great many people who have a deep conviction that the underlying cause of this world-wide war is moral and spiritual, not merely economic or political.

It is our considered judgment that a saving God has permitted the scourge of war to punish a world that, on a global scale, has forgotten Him. It is devoutly to be hoped that through the sorrows of war, man will learn to turn to God in hearty penitence and faith.

May we as Christians take time and look to God for His leadership. May we stop and look around, and see what we are doing. I think if we would, perhaps, the churches would be on an increase, rather than on a decline. We who are followers of Christ have much to do. First, we must prove to the world that we are His disciples. Second, let us look and see just what we must do. Third, let us look at self, and ask these questions: What am I doing? What would God have me to do? Am I living for God? Stop, brethren, God has His eyes on us.

Have you prayed for someone today? Have you thanked God for his loving care through the day? Have you asked God to give us a revival that will awaken lost souls, and bring them to the throne of grace? Does your best go out in this wicked world of sin for your lost brother?

Yes, we want a revival, but a great many of us do not have the time to spend a day for God and His glory. Please think it over. Here is a question worth considering. If we Americans as a Christian Nation in general would turn to God, confessing our sins, and earnestly dedicating ourselves to the task of seeking His kingdom and righteousness, might not it be that our God would give us a great revival? I think there would be unquestionably a great spiritual awakening. May God bless our efforts.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. W. E. Richardson,
3300 Shore Drive,
Norfolk, Va.

Boys and Girls Corner

JIMMY'S LEGS

Jimmy had quick, strong legs. All his little friends said so.

"We always like to have Jimmy on our side when we're running a race, because he wins for us," the other boys said.

"I like to run," said Jimmy to his mother. Whenever she was in a hurry for something from the store he was glad to run for it.

But because he could go so fast Jimmy began to feel boastful. He lived on a busy street, and mother told him always to go to the corner when he needed to cross to the other side. Mr. Gordon, the cheerful officer, stood there in the middle of the street and told the cars when to stop or to go.

Mr. Gordon was always glad to help a boy or girl across the street. He always smiled and nodded, and they liked to say "Hello" to him.

"Mr. Gordon is our friend and helps us," said the boys and girls.

But now Jimmy began to think that he didn't need to bother to go to the corner and wait for Mr. Gordon to tell him when to cross the street. He thought that he could run right across wherever he wanted to.

"But you might trip and fall down, Jimmy," said Dorothy.

"My legs are quick. I can dash over when no cars are coming close," declared Jimmy.

One day Jimmy saw two of his friends, Phil and Harry, talking together across the street from his house.

"I'm going right over to see them," said Jimmy.

There was a street car coming a little way down the street, but Jimmy wasn't afraid. "I can run fast," he said aloud.

"I can run fast, too, Jimmy," spoke up little Billy, who lived next door to Jimmy, but Jimmy didn't hear him.

Jimmy ran across the street and reached the other side, and Billy came dashing after him, but Billy, who was only five, fell down. "Help!" he cried.

Billy was beyond the car track, but the street car stopped anyway, while Jimmy and his friends helped the frightened little boy.

"You are both naughty boys, to run across the street like that," said the motorman.

"Oh, I won't do it again! I don't want to," cried Billy.

Jimmy hung his head. "It was my fault, not Billy's, he said. "I didn't think about smaller children trying to do what I do, and maybe getting hurt."

When he thought about it, Jimmy saw that he, too, could get hurt by running across a busy street. "I guess my legs aren't really so much more surer than Billy's, after all," he said soberly. "After this I'll take time to cross at the corner."

Billy was only frightened, not hurt, except for a scrape on his knee, and Jimmy was very glad of that. The street car went on, and Jimmy and Billy walked up to the corner to wait for cheerful Mr. Gordon to tell them when to go across to their own side again.

"I'm glad that my legs are quick," said Jimmy. "They're quick enough to take me up to the crossing, instead of hurrying over just anywhere. I'll remember after this."—Story World.

—Selected

OBITUARIES

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GOODING. On Tuesday, March 30, 1943, the death angel visited the Parrott Hospital, and took away our grandmother, Mrs. F. C. Gooding, who died after a long illness.

She was 66 years old. She was the mother of five children. There are 30 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. "Grandmomy" as she was called, was loved by many people. She was a faithful member of Pilgrim Home F. W. B. Church.

She was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers on April 2, in Westview Cemetery, Kinston, North Carolina. We shall all miss her, but we hope to meet her again some day.

Written by her granddaughter,

Mrs. Major Jones,
Deep Run, N. C.

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IN MEMORIAM

JOYNER. Sister Emma Joyner went to be with the Lord on March 21, 1942.

Dear Sister Joyner,
You had to leave us one year ago today;
Though our hearts are sad within us,
We know you could not stay.

We thank God for the blessing of you
Who were loaned to us for a while;
And may the sweet influence of your good life
Keep us always from any guile.
We miss your face and loving smile,
And no more shall we forget
Those kind words you had for all
We'll never lose them with regret.

We grieve with those you've left behind,
For we loved you, Emma, too;
Dear Lord, we pray, heal our wounds
'Till we shall rest with Thee.

Anna Jackson,
Washington, N. C.

ALCOHOL—AMERICA'S DEADLIEST FOE

Prohibitionists, preachers and social workers are not the only people branding strong drink and vice as the greatest obstacles to American success in the present world conflict. It is evidently becoming apparent to military and industrial leaders charged with the responsibility of winning the war that ultimate victory will be definitely postponed as long as these evil forces are allowed to undermine our country's morale, health and efficiency.

Alcohol was recently dubbed as "the worst offender" in creating vice conditions among soldiers and war plant workers at a conference of police and army authorities held in

Harrisburg. The meeting was held under auspices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One of the speakers, Captain Robert H. Dilcher, of the Indiantown Gay Military reservation medical corps, declared that the excessive use of alcohol deadens the sense of responsibility and that liquor outlets provide meeting places for soldiers and harlots.

Another army officer, who believes that liquor and prostitution "flourish side by side," is Major General Milton A. Reckford of the 3rd Corps Area, containing the City of Baltimore. Recently General Reckford called the liquor dealers of Baltimore together and gave them a lecture on how the conduct of their business was detrimental to military efficiency and demanded that they rid their places of prostitutes on penalty of being closed by military police.

In the course of his address the general said:

"We have facts in our headquarters which would open your eyes. They show the number of soldiers who are contracting venereal diseases in these Baltimore places.

"I can stand my military police in front of any of these establishments and close their doors. If the police of Baltimore city and throughout the county do not come to our aid and correct these abuses, then I shall see that it is done."

Even alcohol gets blamed for its share in spreading venereal infection from no less a personage than Commander Gene Tunney, U. S. N. R., former heavy-weight champion of the world. Note how he links alcohol and vice in the following statement: "It's traditional—part of the 'you're-in-the-army-now' school of thought—that soldiers and sailors on leave turn necessarily to liquor and women." This declaration is part of a fervent plea for continence on the part of men in the service that they may be better qualified to defend their country. (See pages 43-46 of The Reader's Digest for August, 1942).

At San Antonio the grievance of the army officials was aimed at the flagrant manner in which taverns were exploiting soldiers in the city on furlough. Apparently the favorite method of bartenders and waitresses was to short change and rob soldiers who had gotten under the influence of alcohol.

Major Herman Spoede, officer in charge of downtown military police in San Antonio, after repeated warnings to local taverns and small hotels to clean up, declared several highly objectionable places "out of bounds" by stationing military police at their doors to prevent soldiers from entering. Exploitation of the troops reached its most aggravated form during the "pay day" furloughs just after the $50 pay level went into effect. Furthermore, the fact that local police picked up more than 300 intoxicated soldiers—said to be a record figure—during one week-end would indicate that patronage of strong drink emporiums and the consumption of alcoholic beverages increased in proportion to the larger amount of money available for spending on furloughs.

The military authorities are not alone in their protests against the sabotage of beer and liquor. Complaints are beginning to come in from employers of labor engaged upon defense projects where record production is of the utmost importance. For instance, the Moore Dry Dock Company, of San Francisco, has issued an order informing its employees that the "drinking addicts in the employ of the Moore Dry Dock Company should either give up their drinking habits or else quit the company's service before they are discharged."

To make the order more emphatic the company goes on to say: "We know about who the men are and this letter is just to give them a warning that if found bringing liquor into the plant and passing it around to others to secure favors in the way of overtime, etc., such as is being done, they will, regardless of their position and ability, not only be promptly discharged but their names will be passed along to the Government. Further than this, if they are of the draft age they can expect no help from this concern in retaining their services should they be called by the Draft Board no matter how efficient or desirable they may be to the concern," and ends with a warning "not to stoop to drink their way through their work in the shipyard instead of attending strictly to their work."

Many more authorities could be quoted, but the above statements are sufficient to condemn the liquor traffic as the greatest threat to American production and defense. As long as it operates with pre-war freedom, appeals for elimination of waste by government agencies will be so much meaningless twaddle. By its record, the liquor traffic stands at the bar of public opinion charged with absolute disregard of public welfare in its colossal waste of grains, sugar, shipping space and manpower.—In Civic Bulletin.

PRECIOUS TRIALS

Trials are likely to be the last things we would ever choose for ourselves. But God chooses for us, and so we have trials. We shall praise him through all eternity that his choice was better than ours would have been. We could never know his richest blessings unless we had trials —trials that are overwhelmingly too much for us, trials that are mysterious, painful, distressing. It is not strange that the Christian's life has many trials; it would be very strange if there were none. So Peter writes: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Pet. 4: 12, 13). Ernest Wadsworth has said truly: "Trials make the promises sweet; trials keep us at the feet of Jesus; trials deepen our life of prayer." The fiery trial is sent in order that our faith, which is much more precious than gold, "might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1: 7).—S. S. Times.

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Or do with it as He may choose.
Resistless in His hand.

What is a Yielded Life?
A life whose only will,
When into blest subjection brought—
In every deed and aim and thought
Seeks just to do His Will.

What is a Yielded Life?
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JOINT SESSIONS OF NATIONAL BOARDS MET IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

(Rev. J. B. Rollins, Secy., Executive Committee of the General Board)

A group of important boards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in Nashville, Tennessee April 13th and 14th which conferred in a joint session regarding matters of our common cause, then each board held individual sessions for the advancement of their respective departments of activity.

The Executive Committee of the General Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Board of Education, the Chairman of the Board of Superannuation, the Executive Secretary of the National Association, and Miss Yeley, a returned Missionary from Venezuela, made up the personnel of the general session. Also Miss Barnard, missionary to India, was an active counselor in the meeting. The membership of all these boards was a widely scattered representation of our entire National Association.

Those in attendance were:

Rev. Bert Robers, Wewoka, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Joe Fort, Bryan, Texas

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Ft. Worth, Texas

Rev. Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Herrin, Illinois

Miss Bessie Yeley, Sciotoville, Ohio

Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio

Rev. Chester Pelt, Durham, North Carolina

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tennessee

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tennessee

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee

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EDITORIAL

THE SUMMER LEAGUE CAMP

The North Carolina League Camp Committee held a meeting on April 24; and, after a lengthy discussion of the **pros** and **cons** concerning the advisability of conducting a Camp this summer because of the abnormal conditions now existing over the country, they finally agreed that the Camp should be held as heretofore for the benefit of the Young People's League organization of the State.

Reverend Clarence Bowen, the newly elected Camp Director for this Summer Camp, will make an official announcement of the date when the Camp will be held, and also list the different courses of instruction which will be given and name the different instructors or faculty members who will teach the different subjects.

All leaguers of the State, when they receive this official announcement for the camp for this summer, should begin to lay plans to attend the Camp. By all means, every leaguer should attend, if possible, for great good can be derived from attending the Camp. During these trying days in our country, every young leaguer should do his or her best to boost and to advance the cause of the Young People's League throughout the entire State. In fact, this should be true with all young leaguers in the United States. Lay your plans early, and see to it that you will arrange to attend the camp at Camp Leach this summer.

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"THE FREE WILL BAPTIST LANDMARK"

The "Free Will Baptist Landmark" is practically a new church paper which is being published in the state of Arkansas by Elder Ralph Staten and his associate editors. We are certainly glad to see this good little church paper being published for the glory of God and for the benefit of the many readers of its columns of fine messages.

There is great opportunity, we believe, for a wide circulation of this church paper during the coming years if the good church people will subscribe readily and freely for it, and keep posted on the messages and church news from time to time as to what is being accomplished in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination. It has as its slogan three outstanding and fundamental principles of the Free Will Baptist Church; namely, **Evangelical** in purpose, **Fundamental** in principle, and **Orthodox** in opinion and doctrine. May the heavenly Father greatly bless this church organ and its staff of editors in the work of advancing the cause of righteousness in the world.

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BEST YET

The sales of literature for the Second Quarter have been the best we have had. In fact, we have had to print additional quarterlies to fill the need after we had sold all we had of the Seniors, Adults and the Little Folks quarterlies. The sales ran much higher than we had expected for the quarter.

We desire to thank the Sunday Schools over the country for their growing interest in the use of our literature. We shall be very glad to continue to fill your orders in the future, and trust that you will be able to increase your Sunday School attendance as time passed so that we may receive even larger orders for literature during the remaining part of the year.

Our slogan is to serve the denomination in every way possible for the extension of God's kingdom here upon earth. We are putting forth efforts to make improvements all the while in the quality of the literature we are printing for the denomination. We are asking, therefore, our patrons to keep in touch with us as time passes, and to order not only Sunday School and League literature, but also Bibles and other religious books, pamphlets and materials you may need from time to time.

THE CHALLENGING QUARTER HONOR ROLL

This is a challenge to you, and every Free Will Baptist leaguer in North Carolina is to make a sacrifice of 25 cents in the name of the Risen Christ, for five worthy institutions which are carrying on His work in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

We have heard from the Senior League at Hickory Chapel. It is one hundred percent league. The list of names:

Mrs. Horace Sumner,
Mrs. Reuben Slaughter,
Miss Mildred Brown,
Miss Ella Willoughby,
Mrs. Charlie Overton,
Mr. Reuben Slaughter

We are expecting more by Easter, but will not be able to get their names in by that time. Anyway, they will be sent in to the Press for publication as we get them.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Charnie T. Adams,
Campaign Manager,
Durham, North Carolina,
Box 526 A; Route 5

Let your conversation be without coveteousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. 13: 5.

How well thy blessed truths agree,
How wise and holy thy commands;
Thy promises how firm they be,
How firm our hope and comfort stands.

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Heb. 13: 6.

Early History of Free Will Baptists

By Rev. Mrs. H. A. Wheeler,
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(Article 15)

"Women's Ordination"—Thanks to the denomination of **Free Will Baptists** for the recognization of women as eligible to enter colleges, be ordained to the gospel ministry, and serve as pastors performing all the ordinances of the church just as men have done. **The Women's Educational Bureau** was organized in August, 1885, at Ocean Park, Maine. As set forth in the constitution, "Its object shall be to promote a knowledge of, and obedience to physical, mental, and spiritual laws, that Christ may be formed within for one's own and others sake." In their charge were two departments of Sunday School Normal work and Missionary study. Class and reception rooms were built, and named after the wife of the largest donor, Rev. Silas Curtis. Mrs C. E. Dexter was the first president and died on the morning it was reorganized, and Mrs. E. W. Porter took the chair. The Women's Missionary Society was organized in June, 1873, at Sandwich, N. H. It was first called "The Female Mission Society." They sent their first missionary, Miss Susan R. Libby, in 1874. Since then they have sent Miss Ida O. Phillips, Miss L. C. Coombs, Miss Mary W. Bachelor, M. D., and Miss E. M. Butts. At the various stations are employed about 50 native Christian teachers. Its ragged schools gathered from the dregs of heathenism were established by Mrs. J. L. Phillips. Mrs. Smith presided over the Orphanage at Balasore. In 1883, there were 250 auxiliaries and 70 children's bands with a membership of 6,000. Its officers have included some of the leading women of the denomination. Mrs. M. M. H. Hills (the writer's great aunt) at 81 continues as chairman of the executive committee. Others are—Mrs. Ramsey, Burlingame, De Meritte, Lowell, Hayes, Porter, Waterman, Davis and Page. Over $50,000 have been lifted (raised) each year since the organization.

They erected **Myrtle Hall** at Harper's Ferry in interest of the **Freed Men** for young women and also **Anthony Hall.** Miss Lura E. Brackett was a teacher in the college called "Storer" in 1874. A gift of $2,000 was made by Mary De Wolf and used to enlarge the industrial department. The organ to represent them was called the **Missionary Helper,** issued in Providence, R. I., and edited by Mrs. M. M. Brewster for nine years. The following literature has been put out by them.

"Missionary Reminiscences," a history of India, by M. M. H. Hills, 1886. And the Missionary Helper, **Anna Anderson** a descendent of Roger Williams, was well educated, taught, and was licensed to preach in 1839, pastored, evangelized, and saw many hundred converted. Her voice was clear and full, her manner in the pulpit was dignified, and her appeals often thrilling. She was born in N. Y., though labored as far west as Penn. and Rhode I., sometimes alone and sometimes with others.

Rev Anna Barton was born at Big Flats, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1842, converted at the age of 13 and two years later entered the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y. She remained there three years, followed teaching, home making then preaching and pastoring as well as evangelizing. Her ministerial services are highly appreciated.

Anna S. Bates was born in Kingsfield, Maine, Jan. 5, 1833, of English blood. Sprinkling, close communion, and silence of women led and discouraged her into inactivity. The Free Will Baptist church opened her way and she joined, soon organized Sunday Schools and worked for missions and saw souls saved. Books were her delight, she began teaching at 14. In 1859 she entered Maine State Seminary, and in 1867 graduated from Bates College. City Missionary work in Lewiston followed. Lack of funds kept her from the Foreign field, so she began among the **Freedmen** of The Shenandoah Valley. Later she was her pastor husband's assistant and trustee of Storer College. Her motto always was "The world for Christ" and "Any where with Jesus."

A List of Worthy Ministers Among Women—Julia E. Philips, Emeline Burlingame, Ruby Bixby, Caroline Bradbury, Marilla Marks Brewster, Nancy S. Perkins. Mrs. Coldre Lavina Crawford, Mary Davis, Miss De Meritte, Clara Dexter, Mrs. Fenner, Ida Fullonton, Libbie Cilley, Marilla Marks, H. H. (writer's aunt). The latter witnessed the sailing of our first missionaries in Sept. 1835. She married Rev. David Marks in 1846, and traveled with him far and near, as did also his sister Rosannah Ball later of Nebraska. "If woman was first in the fall she should be first in the restoration of a bemuddled world, such as ours now is (Rev. Mrs. H. A. Wheeler).

Ruby Bixby above mentioned and her husband were sent out by the Home Mission Board to the Territory of **Iowa,** traveling by canal through New York, by boat on the Lakes and with a horse across Wisconsin. They settled at Edgewood, brother Bixby being the only ordained minister of the F. W. Baptists in Iowa.

The Home Mission Society paid their travelling expenses to Iowa, and after a few years, the aid of $100 was given. Sister Bixby received license to preach. She was an independent, self reliant preacher returning home to care for the family when needs arose and sending her husband back to baptize the converts. At that time it was unpopular for a woman to preach, and many said she was the better preacher of the two, yet many opposed her because of her sex. There was strong opposition also because of the denominational stand on the slavery question.

In derision, the first church they organized was called "The Abolition Baptist Church." But they toiled on

and in 1853 the Iowa Yearly Meeting reported fourteen churches. Their labors continued to receive the divine blessing. Sister Bixby was a most constant and devoted Christian. Love was manifest in her daily example, and in her ministry, her sermons were persuasive; and results were successful. After a brief illness Jan. 5, 1877, at break of day her earthly ministry closed.

Rev. Mrs. Fenner was born July 22, 1832. Her first husband Alvin S. Arnold died in 1856. James Fenner was her next companion who died in 1877, then she took up evangelistic work in several of the New England States with much success. She was ordained in 1878. She had charge of Union Church in Foster, R. I., nearly five years, and about sixty-six persons were added to the church. She then pastored at East Putnam, Conn. for four years and saw fifty-seven added to the church. She labored as an evangelist at Starksboro, Vt. and with other churches in that region. She baptized one person, and married five couples.

Note: The next article will be Educational Institutions.

PROGRAM

This is the program for the Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference of North Carolina which will be held at Ottis Creek Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Union called to order and devotions by E. L. Abrams
10:15—Welcome address by Albert Lewis and response by Raymond Hart
10:30—Business period
11:15—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:00—Lunch Hour.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. E. Richardson
1:15—Business period
1:45—Talk by Rev. W. L. Hart
—Petitions for the next union
2:30—Adjournment

P. C. Wiggs,
J. E. Edmundson,
David Corbett,
Committee

PLEASANT FRUITS

Elder Colonel Pendleton,
540 5th Ave.,
South Nashville, Tennessee

My beloved friends, let me have a few minutes of your time for a heart to heart talk concerning some fruits that will last through eternity. For a text we will use, Gal. 5: 22-23, which reads, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." First we will take LOVE. We read in 1 John 4, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because He hath given us of his Spirit."

Now, we hear the beloved apostle John saying "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (I John 3: 13-18).

We all know John three, sixteen. And the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians is called the love chapter. We all know that love and charity are synonymous. In closing the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. Paul saying "Now abideth, faith, hope and charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

The Second Fruit Is Joy

"Verily, verily, I say unto you that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy" (John 16: 20). Again we hear the Holy Ghost through Dr. Luke, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. And in verse ten: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15: 10). In Matt. 25: 21, we hear Jesus say, "His Lord said unto him, Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." "For the joy of the LORD is your strength" (Neh. 8: 10). "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning" (Psa. 48. 2). "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion" (Psa. 48: 2).

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14: 17).

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psa. 126: 5).

Now, last but not least I give Isa. 65: 18-19, "But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and her people a joy" (Isa. 65: 19).

Third Fruit Is Peace

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8: 6). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5: 1). In

Heb. 12: 14, we learn that we must, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." By reading Eph. 2, we see that we were all sinners, and were saved by grace; "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made high by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were night. For through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whim all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Then in Phil. 4: 6, 7, we read, "Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Also in verses eight and nine we hear our beloved brother Paul exhorting Christians to, "finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." In Isa. 26: 2, 3, we read, "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." And in Psa. 37: 11, "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Then in Isa. 9: 6, we have the wonderful words descriptive of our Lord's mission to his people. Let us hear Isaiah as he unfolds these wonderful things to us. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them" (Psa. 119: 165).

The Fourth Fruit is Long Suffering

"And now I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." (Numbers 14: 17, 18). Again we read, "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth" (Psa. 86: 15). Now, we hear the Holy Ghost speaking through Paul to the Colossians, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrell against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3: 12-17).

The Fifth Fruit is Gentleness or Kindness

"Thou hast also given me the shield of salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great." (2 Samuel 22: 36).

"Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you; But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's even so are we Christ's" (II Cor. 10: 1-7).

The Sixth Fruit Is Goodness

Let us remember, that it is not through any goodness that we have done, that we are saved, For all our righteousness is as filthy rags." "Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually" (Psa. 52: 1). "For the word of the Lord is right: and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord" (Psa. 33: 4, 5).

"Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein; thou O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor" (Psa. 68: 9,

10). "Therefore, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2: 1-4).

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (Psa. 23: 6).

"They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunk man, and are at their wit's end.
wit's end. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psa. 107: 26-32).

The Seventh Fruit Is Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death. But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." In Romans 4: 5, we read, "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Again in Romans 3: 22-28 we read, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference; For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

The Eighth Fruit Is Meekness

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men" (Titus 3: 1, 2). "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." "He (that is Jesus) was oppressed, he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb so he opened not his mouth" (Isa. 53: 7). In Matt. 11: 29 we hear Jesus saying, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

The Ninth Fruit Is Temperance, Or Self Control

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now, they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9: 24, 27).

"For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy and temperate" (Titus 1: 7, 8). "That the old men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience" (Titus 2: 2).

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 1: 4-11).

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas. 1: 5.

If pains afflict or wrongs oppress,
If cares distract or fears dismay,
If guilt deject, if sin distress,
The remedy's before thee—pray.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. Jas. 1: 6.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary N. C. State Association

Easter (1943) Gone

Easter for the year of 1943 has passed into history. What disposition did you make of the opportunity that Easter brought? Some folk went fishing. Some spent about all that they could get on self. Some went to church to see, perhaps, the Easter dresses. But what did you do, my dear reader?

Why Easter Means So Much To Us

If there had been no Easter, there would have been no salvation. If the grave could have held the Lord Jesus then our Christian religion would have stopped with the death of Jesus on the Cross. But the Scriptures assure us that our all is based upon the fact that Jesus Christ arose from the grave.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15: 1-4).

Paul informs us that "we are saved if we keep in memory" what he preached. The gospel that he preached was, **"Christ died; Christ Buried; Christ Arose from the Dead."** It is not enough to believe one—we must believe it all to believe the Gospel.

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" . . . "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (I Cor. 15: 14, 17). Yes, the resurrection of Christ is too important to pass over lightly. If you spent Easter in worldly or sinful pleasure, why not REPENT RIGHT NOW and call on the RESUR-

RECTED CHRIST to plead your case with the FATHER for your SIN.

Foreign Missions

It was the RESURRECTED CHRIST who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Dear Reader, have you gone? Have you helped some one to go? Really do you believe in the RESURRECTED CHRIST and His Message? His message is a command. He did not say, "Go ye, if you want to into all the world." He said "GO." And nothing can satisfy the Lord but obedience. The Scripture says, "It is better to obey than to sacrifice." It is the will of God that we obey. Then if we are not called to go to the foreign field in person, and we have been saved from the guilt of sin, we are responsible for the sending of those who are sent. So, if you have not made that offering yet, do it right now, by sending a check, or even a ONE DOLLAR BILL to Rev. Chester Pelt, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, N. C. You might send $5.00 or $10.00.

Something I Never Saw Before

Third Sunday I saw something that I never saw before. I was conducting an offering, by inviting the people to take their offering up to the altar and place it on the table. A young man came and offered his gift for foreign missions, according to the proposition, and then turned to me and confessed Christ. Praise the Lord for such a start. I had never heard very much about foreign missions when I confessed Christ. The Free Will Baptists have had the expression of the faith in about all of their articles of faith, but only for recent years did it mean anything in a concrete way. But it is different now. Foreign missions are being preached by a great number of the ministers, and really it is going. If Jesus tarries, it won't be many years, perhaps, before some will be calling us, "Missionary Free Will Baptists." Brother, if you have not begun to preach it (Foreign Mis sions), you better start, before you get so far behind that you cannot catch up with the "Convoy" for a great number of souls are going over by the preaching of the "Go Ye Command of our Lord."

Rationing of "Rations"

In many sections of the country we have heard people call food "rations." Webster says the word "ration" is "The daily allowance of provisions given to soldiers and sailors." Now as every one is to be "rationed" we are all to be soldiers and sailors at home. We are on the "home front." But here is the question in our mind, "how long can we hold out to feed great congregations who assemble at union meetings, conferences and associations, without some special arrangements. Country people can do it much better than people who live in small towns. Large cities can arrange better than small towns. Here is a suggestion for North Carolina. Why not every one take his own lunch to the local meetings, take it off from his own ration book, and it will not work a hardship on the local community in which the Union meetings and Conferences are held.

Miss Yeley's Itinerary Called Off

Miss Yeley will not visit North Carolina in May as the National Foreign Mission Board has seen the necessity of sending her to Cuba to relieve Brother Willey for a much needed rest, and to enable him to attend the National Association which convenes in the city of Nashville in July.

We know that those of you who were expecting her will feel keenly the disappointment, but we know, "That all things work together for good to then that love God" (Rom. 8: 28); so let us adjust ourselves accordingly and look for the future. See Miss Yeley's letter elsewhere.

TEMPTATIONS

By Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

"All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."—Matthew 4: 9.

In the context of the above scripture, we find that our Lord had to overcome the temptations of the Evil One, inasmuch as His earthly body was flesh, yet He did it without sin. Every Christian on earth who has been born again knows the piercing darts of temptation. In verse eleven you will see that, after the third trial of the Devil had failed to deceive the Son of God, angels came and ministered unto Christ.

You will notice that the three darts of this Tempter were directed at the very heart and seat of life of our Lord. When compared to human thought, in the first two, he approaches with the assumption, "If thou be the Son of God," while on the third trial, the Devil offers the whole of his belongings (see verse 8) to Christ. He did not mention the invisible church in this deal. He knew, doubtless, Christ was the King and High Priest of all who have been born again.

If you will read verse 9 of chapter 30 of Proverbs, you will see that the rich and poor are both attacked by the temptations of the Devil. This battle is still in progress between the members of Christ's kingdom who have been born again, and the Devil who is today striking at followers of the Lord Jesus. This is being done just as forcibly as in the three trials mentioned herewith. In the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation is given a glorious picture of the spiritual church. In verse 11 you will see that each member of this kingdom overcame Satan by the blood of the Lamb, and the testimony that they hold, which is the power of the Spirit of Christ.

In the heart and the inner life of the person so blessed, you need not mistake pointing out God's children. They are always ready to step on the road of humiliation, if need be, with outstretched hands of mercy as they walk through this life of trials.

I now am asking all who name the Name of Jesus as Lord and Master, and those who teach, or accept instructions from a teacher, to take your Bibles and read carefully the sixth chapter of the Book of Ephesians. Note the instructions of the great Apostle Paul to the Gentiles.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Missouri

Rev. James F. Miller, Flat River, Missouri

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

A consideration of the 1943 Session of the National Association resulted in the conclusion that, regardless of all the adverse circumstances which tend to encourage it, the Natioal Association should not be postponed this year. The East Nashville Church was deeply embarrassed to be forced to revise its invitation to the National Association to include lodging and breakfast only to the delegation which will be done gladly without the $2 registration fee for each person receiving entertainment.

The following measures were drafted and adopted:

"Whereas the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church invited the National Association to hold its 1943 Session within her sacred precincts, and finds, in consequence of the National Food Rationing program, that lodging in the homes of her members together with breakfast served each morning is necessarily and regretably the extent of those courtesies for which her gracious members have become known, this Executive Committee does hereby advise:

1. That visitors requiring entertainment by the host church be requested not to attend;

2. That district delegates be requested to assign their power of representation to their state association delegates, except in those states in which there is no state association, such district delegates being requested to attend as formerly; and

3. That all delegates and ministers be advised through our church papers to assume financial responsibility for their dinner and supper daily in the eating places of the city."

Superannuation was discussed at length, and some very acceptable plans were analyzed. The Executive Secretary was authorized to work with the Board of Superannuation to draft the plans for presentation at the 1943 Session of the National Association. The general plan is to direct state associations in the charitable superannuation service to aged and retired ministers of their respective states, and that the Superannuation Board of the National Association will offer protective service to younger and active ministers in the form of annuity against a future day of disability and retirement. The Board of Superannuation is destined to create some very keen enthusiasm at the coming session of the National Association.

The Executive Committee drafted a program for the 1943 Session of the National Association, and left it in the hands of the Executive Secretary for literary completion and to otherwise prepare it for publication. The program calls for the association to close Thursday noon of the week of the sessions, and it will not be a preaching parade, it will include only three sermons and a short inspirational message with each major report. The sessions will proceed for the best interests and the advancement of the cause of our Lord.

The departmental boards held their sessions separately and will report their counsels under the auspices of their departments of work.

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FOUNDATION CHECK REPORT

By J. R. Davidson

Doubtless, some have been wondering when this report would come, and I regret the fact that conditions have made it necessary to defer it until this time. Several checks were applied for, but had not been completed, and we hated to cut any one out who had made an investment in one. There are a few which are still in process of completion, but we have decided to arrange a few blank pages in the memorial book for the purpose of taking care of these. My report is being made by states with itemized checks from each state, and names of pastors of churches giving checks, in so far as our information in hand will allow.

Foundation Checks given by State of Alabama:

1. Charles Hollis
2. Cordova Church, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Pastor

Foundation Checks given by State of Florida:

1. J. S. Howard
2. C. L. Brown
3. J. M. and A. E. Howard
4. W. Y., J. L., and S. M. Brown
5. B. E., Eurie, Hollis and Mary Brown.

Note—All of the above are members of the Harmony Church, Dukes, Fla., and Rev. L. C. Johnson was pastor.

Foundation Checks given by State of Georgia:

1. H. N. Baxter
2. Pine Level Church, Rev. E. B. Joyner, Pastor
3. Glennville Church, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Pastor
4. South Georgia Union
5. T. L. Howard

Foundation Checks given by State of Kentucky:

1. Rev. F. S. Van Hoose
2. Rev. F. S. Van Hoose

Foundation Checks given by State of Missouri:

1. Christian Workers' Institute, Flat River
2. Third Church, St. Louis, Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor
3. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts
4. Rev. W. K. Weston
5. W. L. Powell
6. Hazel Creek Union Church, Rev. James Miller, Pastor
7. Hannon Church, Rev. Cecil Campbell, Pastor
8. Neolo Church, Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor
9. Macedonia Church, Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor
10. Rev. C. B. Dees
11. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, Pastor
12. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, Pastor
13. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, Pastor
14. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, Pastor
15. Oak Grove Church, Rev. Frank Linton, Pastor
16. First Church, Fredericktown, Rev. Hond, Pastor
17. Park View Church, Desloge, Rev. C. B. Dees, Pastor
18. Flat River Church, Rev. Damon Dodd, Pastor
19. Mine La Motte Church, Rev.

Wm. Reeves, Pastor

20. Monett Church and Indian Creek Association, Rev. Allred, Pastor Monett Church.

Note—There is enough cash given by St. Louis and Hazel Creek Union Churches, together with cash which has been paid in on checks not yet completed to amount to $258.50. We regret to say that two checks from this state which were post dated have of necessity been cancelled.

Foundation Checks given by State of North Carolina:

1. Mrs. Sophia Hardee
2. Rev. J. C. Moye
3. Rev. J. C. Moye
4. Mrs. E. B. Deans
5. Mrs. Walter Barnes
6. Marsh Swamp Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor
7. Davis Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor
8. Davis Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor
9. Mr. and Mrs. George Webster
10. M. H. Whichard
11. J. A. Tyson
12. C. G. Little

Note—The last three men named above are members of the Sweet Gum Grove Church of which Rev. J. C. Moye is Pastor.

13. Eula Mae Hodges
14. Jennie McLawhorn Forbes
15. Mrs. Nora Crumpler
16. Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Rev. James Evans, Superintendent
17. Albemarle Union
18. Trent, Piney Grove, Gum Neck, and Corinth Churches, Rev. E. C. Morris, Pastor
19. Sweet Gum Grove Church, Rev. J. C. Moye, Pastor
20. Sweet Gum Grove Church, Rev. J. C. Moye, Pastor
21. Sweet Gum Grove Church, Rev. J. C. Moye, Pastor
22. Hull Road Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor
23. Hull Road Church, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Pastor
24. Little Rock Church, Rev. M. E. Tyson, Pastor
25. Pine Level Church, Rev. M. E. Tyson, Pastor
26. St. Mary's Church, New Bern, Rev. W. B. Everett, Pastor
27. Mrs. R. W. Smith
28. Eastern Conference
29. Cape Fear Conference
30. Central Conference

Foundation Checks given by State of Oklahoma:

1. Christian Workers' Institute, Tulsa
2. First Church, Tulsa, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor
3. D. B. Hilliard

Foundation Checks given by State of Tennessee:

1. Erwin Institute, Erwin
2. Rev. J. E. Hudgens
3. D. W. Hudgens
4. E. D. Parker and wife
5. Mrs. G. T. Harris
6. Ashland City Church, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Pastor
7. Young People's S. S. Class of Martin Chapel Church, Erwin, Rev. George D. Dunbar, Pastor
8. Wood Dale and Forrest Grove Churches, Rev. E. M. French, Pastor
9. Women's Auxiliary of Cumberland Association
10. J. E. and Agnes B. Frazier
11. New Hope Church, Rev. Ernest Craft, Pastor
12. C. M. Crow
13. C. M. Crow
14. J. B. Redding
15. East Nashville Church, Rev. Henry Melvin, Pastor
16. Cumberland Association
17. Cumberland Association
18. Olivet Church, Rev. J. B. Parsons, Pastor
19. Sunday School Convention of Cumberland Association, W. E. Coville, President
20. Loyal Chapel Church, Rev. Damon Dodd, Pastor
21. First Church, Elizabethtown, Rev. J. W. Howington, Pastor
22. G. E. Gower

Foundation Checks given by State of Texas:

1. John Moody
2. John Moody
3. Blue Lake Church, J. R. Davidson, Pastor
4. Bryan Church, J. R. Davidson, Pastor
5. Icey, Clyde and Preston Goen
6. Clyde F. Goen
C. R. C. Cloud and wife
8. F. J. Boone
9. Mrs. Maude Wheeler

Note—The last three persons above are members of the Bryan Church of which J. R. Davidson was pastor.

10. J. F. Payne
11. East Texas Quarterly Meeting
12. Keith Church, Rev. Ruel Connor, Pastor
13. Mrs. Ethel Carmichael
14. Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams

Foundation Checks given by National Women's Auxiliary

1. By Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer
2. By Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer

Foundation Checks given by State of Illinois:

1. Webb's Prairie Church, Rev. Riley Burton, Pastor
2. Rescue Church, Rev. Riley Burton, Pastor
3. Franklin County Quarterly Meeting
4. First Church, Mt. Vernon
5. Bear Point, Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Pastor
6. Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant View Churches and Bear Point Women's Auxiliary
7. Freedom Church
8. Arnold View, Mt. Zion and Liberty Churches
9. Harmony, Plaster Grove and Oakland Churches
10. McKinney Chapel, Bakerville and Union Chapel Churches, and Rescue Women's Auxiliary
11. Union Chapel Church

Foundation Checks given by State of Ohio:

1. Porter Quarterly Meeting, By Rev. W. G. Shepherd
2. Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting by Rev. J. A. Kemper

The above reveals the fact that 118 checks have been completed up to this time, and the equivalent to 122 1-2. As soon as we shall be favored with necessary information to enable us to do so, we shall have the book of memorials prepared. Those who have cancelled checks will help greatly if they will mail them to us at once. Write to Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. Those who have not finished their checks will aid considerably if only they will finish theirs at once.

It will be a pleasure to check any error which may be called to our attention relative to this report.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
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PETER AND JOHN LEADERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

(Lesson for May 9)

Lesson: Acts 2: 37-41; 3: 1-8; 4: 13, 18-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4: 13.

The transforming influence of the Gospel is a recognized force in the world today, and it springs from the power Jesus Himself exerts over all who own Him as Saviour and Lord. I have heard that there are "secret believers," in Jesus Christ, but I have never believed it. A man in love cannot conceal that fact, and to believe on Christ is to know Him for what He is, and to know Him is to love Him. You could no more have a secret faith in Christ than you could have a secret explosion in a dynamite factory. When Jesus comes into your heart and you spend time dwelling with Him, there occur changes which all the world can see.

I was speaking recently in a rural section in the central states, and a great, husky man came up and said, "I was saved two years ago when I heard you preach at a street meeting, and I've been serving God ever since!"

I asked, "Did you tell people of your conversion?" He replied, "I didn't have to. I used to be a gambler, a drunkard, and a brawler. I was arrested and fined for assault and battery thirteen times in the four weeks before I was saved. I haven't drunk, gambled, or fought since the hour I accepted Christ; the whole town knows I'm different!"

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in to-day, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus"?

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Pricked hearts yield repentance, but cut hearts rise in rebellion (Acts 2: 37; comp. 7: 54).

2. Repentance and the remission of sins are prerequisites to the reception of the Holy Spirit (vs. 38).

3. The gift of the Holy Spirit is not for a select few, but for all who will believe (vs. 39).

4. "All that receive the remission of sins **receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** All that are justified are sanctified."—Matthew Henry.

5. Those who go to the place of prayer may be a blessing even on the way (3: 1).

6. It is possible to be helpless and in need at the very door of blessing (vs. 2).

7. Some of the Lord's servants may not be able to give money, but they have something better (vss. 3 -6).

8. Whenever the Lord heals, it is a perfect cure (vss. 7, 8).

9. Men who have been **with** Jesus may be bold **for** Him (4: 13).

10. Spiritual experiences that affect our lives cannot be concealed (vs. 20).

11. If God is glorified thereby, we should not mind suffering for Him (vs. 21).

12. Note this statement from our Advanced Quarterly:

May we note that Peter and John had not broken their customary habit of going up to the Temple for the afternoon service, though many of the Jews hated Christ's followers. On this particular occasion, it was not more than two or three weeks following the day of Pentecost when these apostles were accosted by a lame man sitting at the Beautiful gate, begging alms of those who were going into the Temple.

13. Have you ever seen Niagara Falls? An Englishman saw the Falls for the first time. He said, "Here is the greatest unused power in the world!" "Oh, no," replied a friend, "the greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit." He spoke the truth.

Let us see how much we can learn about the Holy Spirit before our next meeting.

III. The Precious Name

In this lesson it is the **blessed Name of Jesus** which comes before us again and again, for it is around Him that our lesson is centered. The Jews, convicted of their heinous sin in crucifying their own Master, cry out in fear, "What shall we do"? to which Peter replies, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the **Name of Jesus Christ** (Acts 2: 37, 38). The **Name** stands for the Person, character, authority, and Divinity of Christ. To confess His Name in baptism, meant adherence to Him and to all His Name implied—Messiahship, salvation, justification. When Peter addressed the lame man, who was expecting a money gift, he called upon him to arise on the authority of Christ—"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,** rise up and walk" (3: 6; comp. Exo. 5: 23; Jer. 11: 21). That Name stands for **power** (Mat. 28: 18), and Peter invoking that Name, in faith, gave healing to the lame man. What power there is in the all-prevailing **Name of Jesus** (John 15: 16)! We can understand the concern of the Sanhedrin when Peter and John preached and worked in the **Name.** The Name so precious to the Apostles was so repulsive to the Sanhedrin, for it reminded its members of their **guilt,** and they would obliterate it if possible. They asked Peter and John, "By what Name, have ye done this"? The very mention of the word **Name** set Peter all aglow, for there was but **one Name** in which he was interested, and straightway witnessed to the **power of that Name** (Acts 4: 7-12), and frankly told them there was no hope of any of them being saved, unless

they **believed** on that Name and all it stood for. But they **refused** to believe on His Name. These proud, self-righteous, self-seeking men hated the Name, and commanded the Apostles "not to speak at all nor teach in the **Name of Jesus**". They were asking for the **impossible**; for when released, they prayed with the Church that more "signs and wonders may be done by the **Name** of thy holy Child **Jesus**" (vs. 30). The world, ignorant of the love, peace, and power of Christ, cannot understand why that Name sounds like sweetest music in the ears of His saints—"Unto you therefore which believe **He is precious**" (I Pet. 2: 7). —Selected.

THE MOTHERS OF MEN

The bravest battle that ever was fought!
Shall I tell you where and when?
On maps of the world you will find it not— t
'Tis fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen!
Nay, not with eloquent words or thought
From mouths of wonderful men;

But deep in a welled-up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently, bore her part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshalling troops, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave;
But oh! these battles, they last
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithfully still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on and on in endless wars,
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise!
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Were fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame;
With splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came
The kingliest warrior born!

—Joaquin Miller.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The North Carolina State Sunday School Convention met in Winterville according to plans, with all officers present, and a goodly number of visitors from nearby communities.

All reports showed that work in the various Sunday schools had made progress. The funds for the Assembly Grounds (we used to call it "Camp Funds" but the name is changed now to "Assembly Grounds") was very encouraging. If the other auxiliaries will come along with their part as pledged and requested it will not be long before we can have a place to meet in all our conventions. Of course we cannot build until the war is over.

Well, if you people who were not there, could have seen the "food" that was served to the congregation, you would have been like this writer, you could not have figured how the "ration books" did hold out for such a feed. Well, the surrounding community co-operated.

In all it was a splendid convention. The program was carried out with such minuteness and the Holy Spirit seemed to have complete control to the extent that everybody seemed to be happy.

FAITHFUL WORKERS

The forces for God's kingdom are still going on in a fine way. On Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in March, the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Midway Association of Georgia met, with Miss Dot Harvey presiding over the meeting. A splendid program was arranged by the host church, Jakin Free Will Baptist Church. The program was enjoyed by everyone present. Different members on the program were from other churches together with the local members of the local church.

It was the writer's privilege to preach the Convention sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The text used was "Laborers together with God." When all the reports were made before the convention, I was convinced that the ladies had been laboring faithfully with God. It was shown that much had been done in the various departments of work. Of course, these good women had been made stronger in the faith by their faithful services in God's kingdom.

The great plea was for all to labor with God, and not just for God alone, because if God be with us, who can be against us. By faithfully laboring in God's kingdom, we are certain to stay in the fight against sin and Satan. The great object of the church program is the saving of a lost world. Everyone should take notice that every phase of the work of the church must of necessity point to the saving of the lost, or else it is a failure.

We are asking that the good people pray for us here in Georgia that we may stay on the job of soul-winning for our Master until the Lord says it is enough.

Yours by His saving grace,
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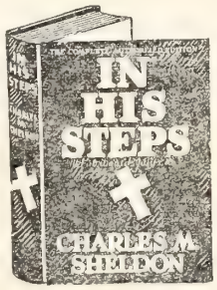
In His Steps

By Charles M. Sheldon



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Boys and Girls Corner

BETSY'S COOKIES

By Birdie Kilpeck Smitn

Today, at last she could make the cookies. Betsy hurried into the coat-room, grabbed her sweater off the hook, and almost ran out of the schoolhouse.

She skipped through the yard, singing to herself, "Today's the day —to-day's the day." Mother had promised to help her put the cookies in the oven, but she was going to mix them herself. They were to be her first cookies. Last week she had wanted to do it, but mother had been too busy. But today—well, nothing, absolutely nothing, would keep her from making those cookies.

"Oh, Betsy." It was Helen, coming down her front steps. "I've been watching for you. What's our home work for tonight?"

Betsy did not want to stop. "Why —then you wouldn't have to ask." weren't you at school this afternoon. She kept on walking.

"I had to take care of the baby. Mama couldn't, she was sick."

"Oh, Betsy, please tell me about it, then that Helen had been absent last week and had a hard time catching up with her class.

"Do we have to memorize anything for tomorrow?" Helen sounded frightened.

"Not much. Just some things about rubber that the teacher read."

"Oh, Betsy, please tell me about it. I'm afraid to go tomorrow unless I know. Last week she was cross because I didn't know the home work."

Betsy frowned. If only she hadn't met Helen. Mother had insisted that right after school was the only time she could help her. But she knew Helen was right. The teacher had been cross. Perhaps she didn't know why Helen had to miss school so much. "Maybe if you tell the teacher why you were absent, she'll excuse you," she suggested.

"But I'll still have to learn the home work. Tonight I haven't anything to do. Please, Betsy," Helen pleaded.

"Nothing to do tonight! Well, I have. . . ." Betsy bit her lip to keep back the words. "All right, Helen." Betsy sighed a big sigh and sat down on the bottom step.

"Well, the teacher read to us about rubber, where it comes from and what it's used for. Our home work is to make a list of twenty things made of rubber?"

"Twenty things? I don't know that many!" Helen gasped.

"Oh, yes, you do," Betsy assured her. "I'll help you get started. What does your baby sister chew on?"

" Arubber teething ring," Helen answered.

"What does she play with?"

"A rubber rattle," Helen laughed.

"What does Towser play with?" asked Betsy.

"Oh, this is going to be fun. A rubber mouse," Helen cried.

Fun, yet, but those cookies! "What do we play jacks with?" Betsy sighed.

"A rubber ball. Oh, Betsy, I didn't know it was so easy. The way you ask me questions is much easier than learning it from a book," Helen beamed.

"Now you tell me some without the questions," Betsy said.

Helen thought for a moment. Then she said, "Daddy sprinkles the yard with a rubber hose. Baby sister's carriage has rubber tires. Our automobile has rubber tires. Now, wait a minute—"

"Fine, go on," Betsy said.

"Oh, yes, when it rains I wear rubbers. My raincoat is rubber, my pencil has a rubber eraser on it, and—"

"Go on. You're doing fine," Betsy urged.

"That's all I can think of. You tell me some more, please," Helen begged.

"Well, there are rubber heels, rubber boots, hot water bottles, rubber corks, rubber jar rings and rubber bands. Then some things are made hard rubber like combs and fountain pens," Betsy finished.

"I won't mind going to school now. All I have to do is think about things and not words," Helen said happily.

Betsy jumped up and started for home. Maybe there would still be time for the cookies. Helen walked along with her.

"Look, Betsy, is that Sugar? It looked just like him. He ran behind the house," Helen cried.

"Where? I don't see anything. Anyway, it can't be Sugar. We never let him outside alone. He is such a little pup, he won't come when he is called." Betsy was very sure.

"Let's run back and see," Helen urged. "I'm pretty sure it is Sugar."

Just then a little light-brown, sugar-colored cocker spaniel darted across the yard. "Oh, it is Sugar," Betsy cried. "Here, Sugar! Here! Sugar!"

Sugar stopped for a moment, cocked his head on one side, looked impudently at the two girls, and dashed away in the opposite direction. "Oh, what'll I do?" He just won't come when he is called." They ran after him, but the faster they ran, the quicker his little furry feet scampered away.

You watch where he goes. I'll be right back," and Helen ran to her house. In a minute she was back with Towser in her arms.

"What are you going to do?" Betsy shouted.

"I'm going to put Towser where Sugar will see him. He'll run to play with him and when I call Towser, Sugar will come too," Helen explained.

In a moment Sugar and Towser were rolling on the grass together. "Now let's start walking toward your house," Helen said.

"O, Helen, I'm so glad you were here. I never could have caught him," she said.

Just then Betsy saw a car stop in front of her house and her mother got out. So mother was late, too, and hadn't been waiting for her! Suddenly she had a wonderful idea. "Listen, Helen, why don't you come in with me and help me make my first cookies?"

After all, it would be much more fun for two of them to learn together. And it certainly was a good thing that she had stopped to help Helen. For how would she ever have caught that little scamp Sugar without Helen's help?

Both little girls ran up the steps with Towser and Sugar at their heels. "Oh, look," Helen pointed to Sugar's

rubber mouse on the porch. Then she began to sing happily to herself, "Rubber rattle, rubber hose, rubber tires, rubber bands—"

And Betsy knew just why Helen was singing because she wanted to sing, too.—Baptist Courier.

—Sel.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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GUM NECK AID REPORT

Our Ladies Aid society met on April 13 at the church for its regular monthly meeting with ten members present. Mrs. Leon Jones, our president, called the meeting to order and a hymn was sung, the scripture lesson was read from St. Matthew the eighth chapter. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Jewel Everton.

Activities

Bible chapters read _____135
Trays taken to the sick _____5
Dues collected _____$2.31

There being no further business, the meeting closed to meet again on April 15 to observe the Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Amanda Parrisher,
Secretary

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AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Dear Auxiliary Women of North Carolina:

I have, as Secretary of the State Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina, just completed the mailing out of Report Blanks to each auxiliary in the State, except those who have not furnished me with the name and address, with other necessary information, of their secretaries. To any auxiliary who has not received the blank, I will be glad to mail them as soon as you notify me of the omission.

Our State Auxiliary Convention will hold its annual session on Thursday, May 20th, 1943, at Shady Grove church, Sampson County, at which time, each auxiliary will be expected to be represented. The reports are supposed to be sent, one to the secretary, the other one with your dues, both State and National, and your contribution, to Mrs. Herman Nobles, of Greenville, who is State Treasurer.

Please do not send your money to me. Please make an effort to mail these reports, according to instructions on the blanks, not later than May 12th, so that both secretary and treasurer may have them by the 15th. Even this will not give us much time to compile and have them ready by the 20th, so please be as prompt as possible.

The program has been arranged for the Convention, and will be found in the Baptist paper real soon.

We know the gas and tire ration will retard many from attending this meeting, but may we all be much in prayer, that the Master will open up the way, even over difficulties, to enable us to be present in great numbers. Faith in God has been known to work miracles, and He is the "same yesterday, to-day and forever." He is able to help us overcome obstacles, when we take Him first in our hearts.

Let us "hold fast to the profession of our faith," and serve Him first, last, and always.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

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PROGRAM

This is the program of the State Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina to be held with Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, May 20th, 1943.

Theme: "The Great Commission—Our Commission"

Thursday Morning

10:00—Opening Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story"
—Devotions—Mrs. M. L. Johnson of Lucama
—Greetings— President of local Auxiliary
—Response—Mrs. Deanie Morris of Fremont
10:30—Business session: Reading of minutes, Adoption of Program, Roll call of Officers, Recognition of Ministers and visitors
—President's message
—Appointment of the various committees
10:50—Special Music by Mrs. Chester Pelt.
—Reports of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents
11:10—Report of Field Secretary
11:20—Remarks by Rev. L. R. Ennis, National Secretary
11:30—Convention message by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, National Field Worker
12:00—Recess

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson of Ayden
1:15—Memorial Service by Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes
1:45—Reports of 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents
2:00—News from the Orphanage by Rev. Jas. A. Evans
2:15—State Association News by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
2:25—Reports of 6th Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer
2:45—Reports of Finance, Resolutions and Petitions Committees
3:00—Report of Nominating Committee, and Election of Officers
—Presentation of the Georgie Frost Barnes Banner
—Adjournment

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DID you ever come to the place
  When life seemed naught to you,
When your heart is filled with sorrow,
  And friends are mighty few;
When your faith in man is shaken,
  And everythiny seems a fraud,
Till at last you grow indifferent
  And doubt the love of God?
At one time you were happy,
  Had faith in all mankind;
But one by one your friends proved false—
  Faith is now left behind;
'Tis now you start to wandering
  Like a dog without a home,
And a kick here and a kick there
  As on and on you roam.

The friends whom once you thought were true
  Now seem to know you not.
The kindly things you did for them,
  Each one has been forgot.
While you were prosperous—you were fit
  To live and walk with them,
But when misfortune frowned on you,
  They were ready to condemn.
But there is one who still remains
  As true as the stars above;
No matter how debased you are,
  You still have mother's love.
Though you may sink deep into sin,
  Beside God there is one other
Who is so willing to forgive—
  That one is your dear mother.

—Ross B. Clapp

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Song—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Congregation
Invocation—Edd Griffin
Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers" by Congregation
Dedication Prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin
Song—"Church in the Wildwood" by Choir
Duet—"Home Sweet Home" by Louise Adams, Mary R. Dixon, Acc. by K. Rouse
Selection—Conway Quartette
Recitation—"Mother" by Magdalene Paramore
Trio—"Memories of Mother" by Mildred Adams, Louise Adams, Katherine Rouse, Acc. by Mary R. Dixon at piano
Selection—Conway Quartette
Song—"Home Sweet Home" by Choir
Presentation of Speaker—J. Knott Proctor
Speaker—Congressman Herbert C. Bonner
Presentation of Flowers—G. S. Porter
(1) Oldest Mother present
(2) Oldest couple who has been married the longest, present
(3) Youngest Mother who has a son in the Armed Forces
(4) Mother present with the most sons in the Armed Forces
Song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by Congregation

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Watch, 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

EDITORIAL

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

"Mother, Home and Heaven" are said to be the sweetest words in the English language. The Christian mother deserves praise for her matchless love; honor for her untiring care of loved ones; sympathy for her anxious spirit; and adoration for her faithfulness in prayer.

Her Love

Mother's love is next to God's love. She loves her dear children as God loves His own creation; she thinks of them as her own, as the heavenly Father thinks of mankind as His noblest handiwork; and she speaks to them in tender words, as Jesus did when He drew the little children by His side to bless them. To the Christian mother, her children's voices are sweet, their playfulness about the home consoling, and their restful sleep at night is joy to her heart. Her love, like that of the heavenly Father, is long-lasting, all-embracing, and joy-filling. As a result, her dear children feel her great love for them because of what she does for them, just as true children of God know Christ loves them because of what He suffered for them on the cross.

May words of praise be spoken, may honor and devotion be given to mother for her wonderful love.

Her Care

The true mother assumes readily, with joy in her heart, the care of her darling children. Day in and day out, she toils long and hard to fill the needs and to satisfy the desires of her children. Her thoughts are ever upon them. Her joy is to properly clothe them, to teach them good things, and to provide the right diet for them. When they become disturbed over things gone wrong, she consoles them; when they are disobedient to her will, she chastises them; and when they seek her counsel, she gives them excellent advice. As Jesus fed the hungry, chastised the wayward, and consoled the broken-hearted because He cared for them, so the true mother watches over her children patiently because she cares for their needs, their human desires, and their tender lives.

What a tribute of praise and honor everyone should pay to mother whose adoration, love and untiring care of her loved ones are manifested with such devotion. Her name should be greatly revered at all times by all people.

Her Anxieties

Because of her wonderful love, and her watchful care, the devoted mother experiences heartaches and moments of great anxiety over her loved ones. When sickness and disease befall them, she is anxious to minister to their pain; when long and patient service is needed at their bedside, she is ever alert and watchful that she might give them her presence and the best of attention; and when sacrifice, to the utmost, has to be made, she is the first one to give her ALL that health and strength might be restored to the dear one. When trouble and disappointments come to those of her home, and Satan has allured some astray, she is ever anxious and ready to do her part to console and to restore, whenever possible, such a one to peaceful and right relationships in the home and with God. Yes, while eager and solicitous over erring ones, or in deep anxiety over the misfortunes of loved ones, her heart is burdened with grief and sadness because she is troubled about their souls, and grieved over their sad misfortunes. Yet, she maintains hope and faithfulness that, those who have grieved her heart sore, will soon find peace and consolation to their troubled hearts.

Yes, sympathy, great sympathy, should go out to mother whose anxieties are great, and whose heart is seeking to satisfy troubled minds. Words of comfort and consolation, from the old and the young, should be spoken to her, in voices sweet and clear, that she might know the tender touch of human hearts and the kind thoughts expressed for her.

Her Prayers

The Christian mother is a praying mother. She teaches her children, while they are small, at her knee to repeat the Lord's Prayer. She prays for them when they are sick, and when they are disturbed and subject to grave dangers. She prays for them when they have become grown and away from her loving care. Her prayers are tender, fervent and pleading—loving petitions to the Father above, beseeching Him to be patient and merciful unto them every one. For others, her prayers go out to God in tender pleadings because her heart is troubled about their sad and blighted lives, and their condemned and lost condition. Yes, her prayers for home and community, for state and nation, in times of peace and war, are sincere petitions to the heavenly Father because she loves humanity and seeks peace and happiness for all.

Come! Let us praise mother for her great devotion to home and loved ones; her love for peace and justice; and her life of devotion to God and righteousness. Let us pay tribute, in honor and loving respect, on Sunday, May the ninth, which is Mother's Day, to mothers of America. Let us send forth praises unto God, as we worship Him in spirit, for the mothers of our country. And let us pray that mothers of America—all mothers of our land—will seek to make the name MOTHER more sacred in the years to come than ever before.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21: 22.

Lord, I cannot let thee go
Till a blessing thou bestow;
Do not turn away thy face,
Mine's an urgent, pressing case.

The Need of Generous Giving

Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis,
1104 South 12th Street,
Herrin, Illinois

II Corinthians 9: 6 ". . . . He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

If you will read the context surrounding this verse of Scripture, you will see that the Apostle Paul is writing to the church at Corinth concerning the giving of their "bounty", of their means to the support of the work of the Lord. There is a warning implied here that if the gift is small, or grudgingly given, the harvest will also be meager.

A farmer looked out over his acres of fertile land in the early spring and saw it was time to plant the seed for the year's crop. He remarked to himself, "It is time to sow, but the price is too high to pay for the seed grain. I will buy a small amount of seed, and will space my rows wide, and plant the grain far apart, and this fall I will bring in the harvest." This he did, and the tender dews mellowed the earth, and the sun shone, and the gentle rains from heaven fell; the months passed by and the time of harvest came. Joyfully, those who had richly sown their seed, reaped a rich harvest; but the miserly farmer who had lamented the high price of the seed, and had sown sparingly, looked bitterly at the small heap of grain which constituted his harvest. Turning sadly away from the pitying gaze of his neighbors, **too late,** he repented of his miserly sowing. He had cheated himself of the joy of the harvest. Gladly would he have reaped but he had ignored the law of nature which demanded that if he would reap a bountiful harvest he must of necessity first sow bountifully the seed.

So, in the spiritual, God demands that if an individual, or a church, would have a rich harvest of spiritual joys, and an eternal reward, they must give bountifully of THEMSELVES and of THEIR POSSESSIONS to His cause and to the promulgation of the gospel in all the earth.

The sowing time is, perhaps, never so joyous as the reaping season. But there is a deep satisfaction in the heart of the farmer as he deposits the seed in the ground and commits its growth to the natural elements. A little later he walks in the field and sees the first tender shoots as they burst through the ground, and with growing content he observes the constant growth until the time of harvest. May I speak of something we all know about. Not so long ago we were called to **give** for the establishing of a Bible School where young men and women could be trained for the efficient preaching and teaching of the Word. Freely the need was met, and we watched as the last cent of the debt was paid and the doors swung open to receive the first of those who gave themselves to the study of the Word of God. Now, the precious seed that was planted then, is steadily growing, and we rejoice at the prospects of the future harvest of souls, and established churches, and educated leaders, who shall continue to lead us on in the great conquest of righteousness. O, thank God! the joy of the reaping is far greater than the toil of the sowing.

The farmer has a system which he rigidly follows in planting, tending, and reaping the grain. If only our churches were as systematic in the plan of providing the grain to sow the gospel seed, how much greater would be our harvest! Do we ask the question, **when** shall we give? There can be no better plan than the one given by Paul to the churches. "Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . . " Paul directly connects the bringing of the offerings on the first day of the week as a part of the worship service of Christians. May we not then worship the Lord, on the first day of the week, with our offerings, just as much as in the singing, praying, or preaching? And from the tithes and offerings brought in worship unto the Lord, shall go forth the means to provide for every need in home and foreign lands.

There is a great responsibility which rests upon every Christian in the sowing of the seed; but more especially upon the PASTOR. To him is committed the privilege (and I use the word "privilege" purposely, for it is just that,) of leading the people, over whom God has placed him as shepherd, into the joy of worshipful giving. May the Lord pity the pastor (if there be such) who would hinder his people from giving to the Foreign Mission cause by saying, "You've already given enough," or prevent the contribution by his church to the cause of Christian Education, by saying, "You'd do well to keep your money in your own home treasury; you may need it for the home work later on." No church has ever suffered by catching a world vision, and giving to send the gospel to those in darkness; but many who have "sown sparingly," in the vast fields of Foreign Missions, have reaped a pitifully small harvest in the home land. Their desperately weak, spiritual condition the lack of attendance at church and prayer meeting and Sunday School, speak positively of the truth of the statement, "they shall reap also sparingly." The pastor who fails to catch the world vision will some day, as the farmer, turn sadly away from a meager harvest, lamenting too late, the lost opportunity of sowing the seed for an abundant ingathering.

Everything in God's creation speaks to us of perfect order and system. He has so ordered the seasons that we know that summer will follow spring; and that the winter months will follow the autumn. The sun rises each morning and charts it's orderly course through the skies to sink to rest behind the horizon line in the evening. The moon and the stars have swung out there in heaven's space, never varying their course all these years, since the dawn

of creation. Multitudes of evidences are all around us witnessing to the orderly, systematic, plan of God in the design of creation. Would not such a God then smile upon a systematic program of providing for the sending of His saving gospel to all the earth? A plan whereby the aged minister would be provided for in his old age after a life given in service to God and the church; the home field supplied with funds to pay the field worker and evangelist; the increasing need of answering the cry for the gospel of salvation met, and supplied, in the darkened heathen lands; and ample provision for the training and sending forth of efficient workers into the ends of the earth. Such a plan is ours in the Unified Program. If it is a workable plan, and many are testifying that it is, why should not every Free Will Baptist church put it into action? The promise given is that "all that sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

So very few give until it becomes a **self-denial** offering. That is, we give after everything else is taken care of, a small amount to the Lord. Every desire is gratified that pampers our own fleshly self. The greatest characters of Bible, and Church history, are those who "counted not their own lives dear unto them," but gave themselves, and all they possessed to the Christ, who **gave all** to save the soul from death. Over and over we hear those who profess to be followers of Christ who live in comfortable, even luxurious homes, ride in nice cars, lack nothing of the comforts of life, say, "I just can't afford to give to the church; the cause of missions is a worthy cause I know; the need is great to promote an educational program; but I have done all I feel able to do." There flashes before the mind the picture of the Christ who traded Heaven and it's Glory for the shame and suffering of the cross; of Paul who gave all, until he sits cold, and forsaken by human sympathy, in the old Roman dungeon writing to his son in the gospel, requesting the bringing of a cloke to wrap about his body; of Stephen, bleeding and dying, the howling mob all about him; of those down through the years who have left home, friends, mother, father, even children, to take the gospel to the lost whom Jesus died to save. When the Christian has given as Jesus gave, then it's time to stop giving.

When we have sacrificed as Paul and Stephen, then it's time to settle down comfortably on the couch of ease. When the whole world has been reached with the gospel message, and there are no more darkened heathen lands to evangelize; when the last redeemed soul has come into the fold, and the gospel of salvation needs no longer to be preached, then there will be no more calls for **self-denial offerings** unto the Lord. Until that condition prevails, God grant that we shall keep ever before us the world vision, and the determination that the "sowing shall be bountiful, that the harvest may also be bountiful."

ONLY A DAD

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come home and hear his voice.

Only a dad of a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more,
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home wait.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving, from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way.
Silent whenever the harsh condemn
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small.
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen—
Only a dad, but the best of them.

—Selected.

FREE WILL BAPTIST PAPER

Ayden, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

A few days ago I received the Baptist paper for the first time. As I read through it, I found an article written by one of the former boys of the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, the writer was Lt. Haywood Howell, with whom I spent part of my childhood in the Home.

I spent thirteen years at the Orphanage, which means that the Free Will Baptist denomination provided a home for me, and gave me an education. I certainly do thank this denomination for taking care of me during my childhood.

I certainly hope the Orphanage will continue to go forward and grow as it has never done before. So, let us all stay behind Superintendent James A. Evans, and carry the Orphanage forward. Let us remember Jesus' words, "For inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me."

To the Casey's Chapel Ladies Aid Society, which provided clothing for me during my stay at the Orphanage, I want to say that I appreciate your interest in me, and would like to hear from you.

I should like to suggest that it would be a fine thing to have the names and addresses of the children of the Home, those who have gone out from the Institution, printed in the Baptist paper so that each could keep in touch with one another. I should like very much to hear from the former children of the Home, and all other friends who may read this letter in the Baptist paper.

I am looking forward to receiving your paper, as this is my only means of learning what the churches are doing. I wish for your paper, for the Orphanage and all of its supporters very much success in the future.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Elmer R. Freeman,
Co. D. 704 M. P. Bn.,
Breakhart Resv.,
Melrose, Massachusetts

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
Education ..... Superannuation
Home Missions ..... Foreign Missions
REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN JULY

By Rev. L. R. Ennis

The 1943 Session of the National Association will be held July 12 to 15 in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

Due to transportation difficulties and the food rationing program, it became necessary to consider the advisability of calling off the National meeting; but, by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the General Board while in joint session with the Trustees of our Bible School and the Foreign Mission Board, the convening of the National Association according to plans made last July in Columbus, Mississippi, was reaffirmed. It was felt that much of our work would be seriously hampered, if not retarded, if the National Association should not command the course of action and procedure. Plans for the development of our Missionary work in Cuba and for the further development of our Educational program require very definite and prayerful consideration. It is believed by many that the time has arrived for the establishment of a Superannuation service that would relieve want, embarrassment, and heartaches among our retired and disabled ministers. The coming session of the National Association is destined to be one of the most important thus far held by Free Will Baptists.

The Executive Committee of the General Board wishes to advise delegates and ministers as follows:

1. The East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church is in a position to only offer lodging and breakfast to delegates and ministers who may attend the annual session of the National Association in July. Those who attend will please be prepared to secure their additional meals in restaurants and other eating places in Nashville. Unofficial guests will please not come to the Association expecting any entertainment whatsoever at the hands of the local church. This is not the will of the good people of East Nashville Church; but conditions compel this honest and regrettable announcement.

2. Delegates who have been appointed by district associations are requested to assign their right to a seat in the National Association, this year, to the delegates sent by the State Association to which their district associations belong. It is hoped that by this method the personnel of the National Association, as a representative body, may be substantially reduced.

3. The length of the program has been reduced with the hope that it will be possible to adjourn the National meeting at noon on Thursday.

The Sunday School and Auxiliary Conventions will convene as usual and will be allowed the same length of time for their respective sessions.

The General Board will convene on Tuesday, July 13, at 10:00 A. M. o'clock and will remain in session throughout the day.

Let us join in earnest prayer that God may use the 1943 Session of the National Association to advance His Kingdom.

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MORE ABOUT THE JEHOIADA CHEST

Did you ever read in the Bible about the Jehoiada chest? If you have not, just get your Bible and open it to II Kings 12: 9, and then on to II Chronicles 24: 8, and read all about the chest. Jehoiada means "God known," or in other words, "known of God—partners together or laborers together."

In the first place, as one likes to class the two great working powers, God in heaven, and Jehoiada on earth, let us notice when the chest was empty, they filled it again and again until all the Temple was repaired. The material was paid for and all the men who had so nobly stood by the work were paid for their services.

Now, this is what we want to say to all loyal auxiliary workers: The chests at the present are free. Just send your order to me at Ayden, North Carolina, or to Huntsville, Texas. The stickers for the Penny banks are free also. We are asking that all of the presidents bring up the Jehoiada chest anew before your auxiliaries. Let us pay in some back dollars for missions. Furthermore, we are asking that every auxiliary send a special "Love Offering" through the chest in June or by July 1st so that we will have the greatest record on missions through the "Jehoiada Chest Fund" that we have ever had. It has been my privilege to visit the Auxiliary Conventions here in North Carolina, and they are really doing things for the glory of God, and for our beloved denomination. May they continue in the great work.

We are asking again that, when you send your money to Mrs. Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee, be sure to tell her that it is Chest money. Here in North Carolina, if you send your money to Mrs. Herman Nobles, be sure to tell her to forward it on to Mrs. Polston, and for her to state that it is Chest money, so that our women will get credit for it as missionary money.

God bless you dear women for the fine work that you are doing.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

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FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD MEETING

We have enjoyed a very fine session of our Foreign Mission Board which assembled in our school building at Nashville, Tenn. We first met in a joint session with the Executive Committee and the Board of Education which was very pleasant, and then we had a fine session of our own. Each member of our Board

was present, and stayed until we were entirely through. This is the first time we have had a one hundred percent attendance for a number of years.

Several things of importance was transacted which, I am sure, is of interest to all. Sister Bessie Yeley, our returned missionary from Venezuela, was authorized to go to Cuba just as soon as she can get her passport. She is to assist Bro. and Sister Willey in the work there.

We voted to launch an effort to get some native missionaries in India to go into the Purnea District and start a work there. You will recall that Sister Laura Belle Barnard secured permission, while in India, for the Free Will Baptists to launch an effort in that district, and then while she was home on a furlough and at the same time securing workers to return to the field with her, the war conditions closed the door in our face. We have received information that perhaps we can get some native missionaries to go to work there while we are so hindered in getting our own workers across.

We also heard with great interest the report of Bro. Henry Melvin who has recently made a survey of our work in Cuba. His report was most interesting and inspiring. It was also very inspirational to see the motion pictures of the work which he took while down there. We feel Bro. Melvin's trip to Cuba has been of great value to our work. Surely it was timely, and money well spent. Bro. Melvin has returned, as you will notice by his own report in the papers, very much enthused over our work in Cuba.

Another matter we are trying to get across to our people is that we might become better organized as to the receiving of funds and the making of our monthly reports to the papers. Each state is requested to have a treasurer of foreign missions. Then each contributor in the respective states will send the foreign mission contributions to the state treasurer. He (or she) will make an itemized report to our church papers each month in which will be stated the name of each individual or organization which gives and the amount given. The state treasurer will then send the entire amount in one sum to me as national treasurer. My report will be as from the various states. In other words, I will say North Carolina so much, Oklahoma so much, Michigan so much, and so on, you see. Now if you do not have a treasurer of foreign missions in your state, then won't you please cooperate with us in doing your best to get one elected? However there are several states which already have their state treasurers, and for this we are glad. We urge you to cooperate with your state treasurer if your state happens to have one. Although do not withhold your contributions by any means just because you may not have a state treasurer. Send it right on in to us; but in the meantime let's be working toward this goal as we have tried to explain it to you. So far as we know, the states which have foreign mission treasurers are North Carolina, Oklahoma, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, and perhaps Texas. There may be others we do not know. May the Lord bless in this effort.

Several other smaller items of interest were transacted, and then we adjourned late Wednesday afternoon, April 14th, happy and felling that the Lord had truly been with us in a most gracious way. Certainly the Lord is blessing our denominational missionary program wonderfully. Oh, may we please increase our giving to this worthy cause. God's approval upon it is so very evident may we not fail to be "laborers together with God."

It was indeed a joy to have the privilege of visiting the school. Personally it was the first time I had been privileged to visit the school since it was opened last September. We were treated most royally by our school president and wife, Brother and Sister Johnson, by the other members of the faculty, the students, and by other of our good Free Will Baptists of the city of Nashville. We returned home feeling it was good to have been there.

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,

Winford Davis

S. S. CONVENTION BACK GLANCES

By L. E. Ballard

We are writing this from the little town of Fletcher, N. C., nestling in the mountains of Henderson County —the burial place of many of the South's great literary personages of the past, who sleep in the yard of famous Old Calvary Church here. We are engaged for the next fortnight in a town-wide revival.

We had to leave in too much of a hurry to prepare a "write-up" of the State S. S. Convention, held on April 23rd at Winterville, while on the scene, and we are too busy here to write even a tithe of what could be said. Glancing back we behold a fellowship that was sweet; an interest that was inspiring; and a progressive spirit that was encouraging. Outstanding in our memory is the great convention sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales on "The Challenge of Difficulties," the most able presentation of the "Three Year Program of Progress" by Rev. R. P. Harris; the eager desire for help manifested by the interest in the forum discussions; and the splendid reports and financial support from the Sunday Schools over the State. Later we shall go into details. Just now we say, "Thank God for a great convention!"

The Book we give to those we love

A Bible perfectly expresses the depths of feeling which words cannot describe. It is truly the perfect gift . . . which brings reassurance of faith and hope and a promise of peace on earth again.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* Greenville, Tenn.

BAPTIZING AT THE ORPHANAGE

On our way to western N. C. for evangelistic work and to attend the Tennessee Orphanage celebration on May 10th, we stopped by our Home at Middlesex and baptized twenty-five of our precious children and young people into the fellowship of the Orphanage Church, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 25th. Each was given a beautiful certificate of Baptism, suitable for framing.

Mrs. Ballard will have charge of the religious activities at the Home, along with our other pastoral work for the next month.

—Loy E. Ballard

Fletcher, N. C.
April 29, 1943.

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QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1943

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1943	$1,711,67
Receipts for first quarter	6,889.44
	$8,601.11
Expenditures for first quarter	$6,331.97
Balance on Hand April 1, 1943	$2,269.14
Balance Bank Account	$ 275.75
Petty Cash	25.00
Bonds for 1st Quarter	1,968.39
	$2,269.14

James A. Evans, Supt.

Quarterly Report of Receipts

January, February and March, 1943

County	$ 85.00
Religious	2,903.53
Fraternal	32.00
Parents and Relatives	93.00
Individuals	218.28
Refunds	40.59
Auto Ins. Co., $5.10; Home Canner Mfg. Co., $31.50; Telephone calls, $3.99.	
Farm, Dairy and Garden	1,127.40
Junk	40.00
Money Borrowed	1,275.00
Endowment Fund (Bonds)	1,074.64
Total rec'd for 1st Quarter	$6,889.64

Quarterly Report of Disbursements

January, February and March, 1943

Salaries	$1,479.00
Office Supplies	51.44
Telephone & Telegraph	47.07
Interest on Short Term Loan	2.25
Insurance	408.12
Board Expense	11.88
Financing and Publicity	25.30
Administrative Travel	10.00
Food	676.41
Clothing	175.88
Adjustment	66.39
Transfer of accounts, $56.25; Check refund, $10.14.	
Fuel, Lights and Water	113.89
Plant Replacement and Repair	441.99
Superintendent Travel	49.30
Laundry	22.73
Household Supplies	83.12
Recreation	20.00
Transportation	29.74
Health Fees	34.30
Health Supplies	35.04
Education	20.00
Farm Supplies	1,533.45
Farm Replacement and Repair	108.37
Replacement of Livestock	77.00
Concert Class Expense	9.80
Repayment of Money Borrowed	475.00
New Additions and Additions to old buildings	136.26
New Equipment, Furniture and fixtures	183.74
Other Items (Life Magazine)	4.50
	$6,331.97

Donated Commodities

For First Quarter, 1943

January:	
Religious	$251.13
County	10.00
February:	
Religious	314.96
Individuals	42.00
March:	
Religious	143.21
Individuals	51.50
Total donated 1st quarter	$812.80

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ORPHANAGE BOYS IN SERVICE

The Free Will Baptist Press through its manager, Mr. C. K. Dunn, granted the Orphanage Superintendent, Rev. James A. Evans, the privilege of sending names and addresses of all the boys in service who at one time lived in the Orphanage, the Baptist paper "free."

The Superintendent of the Orphanage expresses his appreciation to the Free Will Baptist Press and its Manager for this fine way of keeping the boys informed of the Denominational activity.

Some of the boys have written letters to the Superintendent expressing thanks for the service rendered through the Press and its Manager. We trust that the receiving of this paper will help the boys in doing good for their Country.

James A. Evans,
Superintendent

Pvt. Ivey Linton, Q. M. C. Det. (W), Camp Sutton, N. C.

Lt. W. H. Howell, Det. Q. M. C. (W), Fort Bragg, N. C.

Pvt. Clarence Mitchell, 8th Ordinance Repair Co., Camp Hood, Texas

James B. High, A. M. P. H. for Lant F. D. T. (N. O. B.), Norfolk, Va.

Pvt. Walter Croom, 227 Signal Opn. Co., Fort Meade, Md.

St. Sgt. Joseph L. Thomas, 627 Tech. Sed. Sqdn., Spl., Madison, Wisconsin

Gold Ange, U. S. S. Pocomake,
In Care Post Master,
New York, N. Y.

Pvt. Elmer R. Freeman,
Breakheart Reservation, Co. D.,
104th Military Battalion,
Melrose, Mass.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Good News Coming To Us

We are receiving good news all along regarding the FIVE-POINT PROGRAM for North Carolina. More than $530.00 for the February campaign has been received by the Treasurer, Rev. James A. Evans.

We also hear that the Foreign Mission campaign for April is going nicely with receipts being received by Rev. Chester Pelt in an encouraging rate. Praise the Lord! Free Will Baptists will respond when given notice of the needs of the cause.

Just Back Home

We are just back home after visiting Daly's Chapel, Rain's Cross Roads, Smithfield and Rock Springs churches in the interest of our State and National programs. Considering all conditions we were very much encouraged with the reception which we received in these churches.

Also it was our happy privilege to visit the Orphanage at Middlesex and spend some time with Bro. Evans and his happy family. "It pays to serve Jesus" the poet has written. Serving of Jesus takes you into the best association on earth. Praise the Lord for the fellowship of saints—God's people.

The Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Church Finance Association, Inc., met in its annual meeting in the Free Will Baptist church in Smithfield on Wednesday of last week. The fellowship was grand, and the reports encouraging, in the progress which has been made during the past year. There are now 84 legal voters—the vote by shares—and a good majority was present to attend to the business and to arrange matters for the coming year.

Perfect Peace

There is a great deal being said about "Peace" that is supposed to be on the way to the nations of the world, and especially as it concerns the nations who style themselves as "Allies." But when there ever comes a "perfect peace" to this earth, it will be through the Lord Jesus Christ, and not through the arrangements of wicked human beings. The world rejected Jesus Christ. The Jews said, "Give us Barabbas" the robber, and they have had to deal with robbers all the way since they rejected the only perfect One that could be given to the life of the human family. But thank the Lord that Jesus did say to those who accepted Him, "My peace I give unto." Jesus left this peace with His church. This PEACE is still in the heart of His church. Wherever this peace is found, there is justice, sympathy and compassion measured out to others. "Peace, Peace, Wonderful!" We should be able to sing this wonderful message every day. If this PEACE is lacking in the life, there is a condemnation that makes life miserable to the one who is conscious of his condition.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8: 1). The only PEACE that the soul can ever know, I mean a **"Perfect Peace,"** can only come through a perfectly yielded life unto the WILL OF GOD. It is God's will that "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3: 9). To be truly repentant, one must accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. When man accepts Christ, then Christ, in the Spirit takes up His abode in that life. Where Christ is there is PEACE. FRIEND, do you have that PEACE? If not, why not accept Christ today? Tomorrow may be forever too late for you. Why not accept that PEACE while you may ?

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS HOLD EASTER SERVICE IN CHICAGO

On April 11th, the Free Will Baptists of Chicago met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Harris, 4330 South Lake Park Avenue. After the devotional period, we decided to have an Easter Service and plans were made. We engaged a room in Kimball Hall with a grand piano, and chairs to accommodate 75 people. Since Easter is the day of newness of hope, we thought it a good time to begin the work we wish to see accomplished. The service began at three o'clock. After several musical numbers, directed by Dr. Harris, the very effective Easter message was presented by our guest speaker, the Rev. Frank Osterberg.

Our first offering amounted to $15.00, for which we are very grateful. Our plans are, the Lord willing, to meet every Second and Fourth Sundays at three o'clock in Kimball Hall, Room No. 1421 East. Kimball Hall is located in the loop at 306 South Wabash Avenue. We solicit the prayers of Free Will Baptists everywhere for success in our work.

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"REVIVAL OF PRAYER POWER"

By Mrs. Edwin Roper

Never before in the history of our country have we needed a "Revival of Prayer Power" as we do now. In discussing this subject, we might ask, What is prayer? In my own words I would say prayer is direct communication with the Father of us all, and with His Son.

Next, What is power? Webster tells us that power means sacrifice. Ordinarily, we would never think of sacrifice when we think of something so great and wonderful that it could go on as far as it desired without having to sacrifice. But let us consider Jesus, while He was here upon earth, for a moment. All power through the Father was His, but think of the sacrifice He made for us. Death in the most cruel way! Why? that we might live. Not just now, but forever! All because He loved us!

Yes, if your petitions to the great Deity are to be powerful, we must be burdened for the petition, and we must be willing to sacrifice **Anything** in order that our petitions might be granted.

What is a revival? In my own words, I would say a revival means a great spiritual awakening. Oh, how we need it, and believe me it will take powerful (sacrificial) prayer to bring this great awakening about. The Scripture Lesson from which the topic I am trying to discuss is taken from St. John 14: 13. I should like to read verses 14 and 15 also: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Why do we pray? because Jesus taught us to pray. There is no doubt that He knew the weakness of the human flesh, and He also knew the cunning ways the Devil has of tempting people. Everyone is tempted of the Devil, but I know he works harder on a Christian. He feels that a un-Christian is on His side anyway, but he has to act cunningly, shrewd and smart to lure away a Christian from the Lord, but praise His name, His grace is sufficient, and through prayer, we can overcome the Devil and all of His angels!

When should we pray? The Bible teaches us to "pray without ceasing," and I think it means exactly what it says. We should never be too busy to pray. Some of my sweetest communications with my Lord are while doing my daily duties. Surely we should have our regular prayer meetings. It is sad to think of the midweek prayer services being discontinued. I believe that is one of the main reasons why prayer no longer has power. Surely, we should attend our Sunday School and church services, but we should not wait for these services to pray. Instead, we should talk to God daily. He is never too busy to hear. Isn't that wonderful?

How should we pray? Reverently, humbly, submissively, but fervently. We should really desire the things we ask for. We should be willing to sacrifice—yes, I think fasting is very important when we see a great need of something, not for ourselves alone, but for others. However, we should be submissive to His will, and willing to accept the answer as He sees fit to give. Watch the Saviour as He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane that the cup might pass from Him. He, like us as human beings, dreaded death. See the sweat as it fell from His face, as great drops of blood, then hear Him say, "Father, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

We might ask now, Who should pray? Everybody has the same privilege to pray. Jesus is no respecter of persons, but I do say that a **Born Again** Christian's prayer is more effective than a non-Christian's prayer. Now, we are getting to the real reason of the need of "Revival Prayer Power." It seems that prayer would have more power in this war torn world of grief, sorrow and disappointment than it ever has if people would turn to the power of prayer. But there is a reason why it does not have power. Shall I tell you why? The Christian church has lost its power.

The trouble is not with the people outside the church. It lies with the people who are church members. Lots of them are dead members, but numbers of them are attending church services, visiting the sick (if they have time), yes, even paying the preacher a monthly allowance, but they have no idea what it means to be born again. And what seems so sad to me, I truly believe a lot of these so-called Christians really believe they are living perfectly all right. I have heard some of the most active and most loyal church members in the church say, "I don't believe it is any harm for me to go to the show on Sunday afternoons, if I go to church and Sunday School on Sunday morning. Then, I have seen them so miserable on Sunday morning because the services were a little late in beginning and lengthy, until they would make me miserable. I do not know what their plans were for the rest of the day, but it would suit me if we had a service all day each Sunday. We owe God one day out of each week.

We had some visitors at our Sunday School one Sunday morning. They were spending their vacation at the beach. During the Sunday School lesson, one of the men, a very distinguished looking gentleman who said he was the teacher of a Men's Bible Class of around three hundred, in some large city, said, "I believe the world is getting better every day. In fact, I know it is better than it was in our forefathers' day. People are simply more cultured. They have more decent things to amuse them to make them better." Then he went on to tell about his Bible Class. I sat there and thoughts crowded my mind. Perhaps I did wrong by not expressing myself, but since the majority of our class agreed with the man, I thought it best to keep silent. I thought "You poor people, God have pity, because that's the trouble with the world today. Church members, Sunday School teachers, all church officers, and I hesitate to say this, but sad as it is, it is true. Preachers have gotten to

the place where they think they can partake of any worldly amusement, go to church and Sunday School on Sunday morning, and their good moral character will take them to heaven on the flowery beds of ease. Yes, most mothers, wives, fathers, sweethearts, and sisters are praying for some loved one in the service of his country. After they have come from a dance, card party, picture show, or some place of worldly amusement. The same lips that utters the prayer, speaks of profanity, and then they wonder why God never answers their prayers.

Such people forget that God says, "Be ye separate from the world." "You cannot serve God and mammon." There are numbers of churches today that have become so cold it is impossible to feel the spirit while one is attending a service. Society and form have taken the place of the holy spirit. I am reminded here of a little joke that was sent to me in a letter while I was in the hospital. It was concerning a colored man who wanted to unite with a certain church but because he was ragged, the minister tried to discourage him by telling him to go home and pray over it, asking the Lord's guidance. So, the old man went home and prayed, and came back to the preacher, and he asked him what the Lord had to say. The old colored man said, He said, "How can I tell you how to get in that church when I have been trying to get in there for lo these many years."

Oh, we need a "Revival of Prayer Power"! We'll have it only when we as Christians give our whole heart to the Lord, be born again, trust Him, and keep all of His Commandments. Then, "Whatsoever we ask in his name that will he also do," because He has said, "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves before me and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, answer their prayers, and heal their lands."

Fellow church members, let us lay our all on the altar before Him, and begin praying. The telephone from earth to glory is never too busy to take our message. God will answer our prayers, and we will have the great spiritual revival that the whole world needs before the return of Christ.

P. S.—This message was delivered at the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention at Sidney F. W. B. Church in April, 1943. J. F. E.

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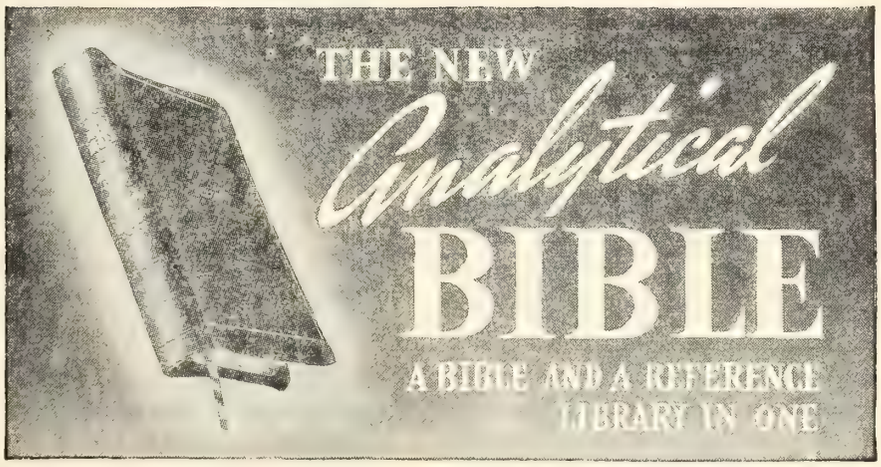
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. John 14: 27.

Let worldly minds the world pursue,
It has no charms for me;
Once I admired its trifles too,
But grace has set me free.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14: 27.



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PETER AND JOHN PREACH TO SAMARITANS

(Lesson for May 16)

Lesson: Acts 8: 14-25. Read Acts 8: 4-25.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4 :35).

"Why Aren't You Up and At It?"

A manufacturer, the head of a large business concern, was at a revival meeting one day, when the minister turned to him and said, "You are a Christian man, why aren't you up and at it?" He went home in anger and went to bed, but could not sleep. At four o'clock in the morning he prayed that God would make him a power in His work, and then went to sleep. At the next meeting of bank presidents which he attended, he turned to the man next to him and spoke to him about divine things. His friend looked at him in amazement, and said, "I've wondered many times why you never spoke to me about it, if you really believed in Christ." That man was the first of several hundred souls which this manufacturer won to Christ.

What tremendous forces our church members could become if we all recognized and acted upon our personal responsibilities! — Moody Monthly.

Put as much into foreign missions as you put into war stamps and bonds and our problem will be solved; "But," you say, "there is a **war** on, and we have to help!" In that you are **partly** right. **There are two wars** on, and you should help with **both!** I heartily endorse the principle of "ten per cent each pay day" for war needs. Lose the war and you will do without pay day for a long time to come! But who originated this principle of "ten per cent," which we call "tithing"? This was originally God's idea, and He planned in that way to finance His war against Satan! Lose **that** war, and the consequences are too dreadful to enumerate—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. Did any others besides the Apostles engage in preaching the Gospel in the early Church? (Acts 8: 1, 4).

2. What do we know of the ministry of this man Philip? (Acts 6: 5; 8: 5-8, 26-40; 21: 8).

3. When and by whom was the way prepared for this great revival in Samaria? (John 4: 39-42).

4. What two other Simons did Simon Peter meet in his work as an Apostle? (Acts 8: 18-24; 9: 43).

5. In what three places did satanic sorcery seek to withstand the Gospel? (Acts 8: 9-13; 13: 8; 16: 16).

6. What should be a Christian's attitude toward the sin of hypocrisy? (I Pet. 2: 1; Lu. 12: 1).

7. What do the Scriptures say is one of the roots of all evil? (I Tim. 6: 10).

8. How are the gifts of God bestowed? (Mat. 10: 8; John 1: 17; Is. 55: 1).

9. How does God evaluate silver and gold? (I Pet. 1: 18).

10. Of whom is repentance required? (Acts 2: 38; 8: 22; 17: 30; 26: 20; II Cor. 7: 9, 10).

11. What must precede water baptism to make it effective? (Hebrews 10: 22).

12. What was the origin of the Samaritans? (2 Kings 17).

13. P. S. to **You**: The wise student will study all the lesson material in our quarterlies. Which was the greater sinner, Simon the sorcerer or Gehazi (2 Kings 7)?

III. Love and the Holy Spirit
(Romans 5: 5)

Verses 15, 16, 17. Philip could lead the people to Christ and baptize them in His Name, but Peter and John had to come down from Jerusalem to complete the work for the enlightenment and conviction of the Apostles. All this is in beautiful accord with the dispensational character of the Book of "Acts." In the first place, there was a division between the Jews and the Samaritans. The Jews had a terrible prejudice against the Samaritans, as we learn from the saying of the Samaritan woman to our Lord. Said she to Him, "How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4: 9).

The animosity of the Samaritans, also, was intense. They are said to have done everything in their power to annoy the Jews. Their own temple on Gerizim they considered to be much superior to that at Jerusalem. There they sacrificed a Passover. Toward the mountain, even after the temple on it had fallen, wherever they were they directed their worship.

Samaria, then, had denied both Jerusalem and the Temple; but, Jerusalem was the center of the first activities of the Church. Samaria must recognize Jerusalem and the Apostles. There dare be no division between believers, since they all belong to the same community or church. It was, therefore, Divinely ordered that the gift of the Holy Spirit in the case of the Samaritans should be withheld till the Apostles had come down from Jerusalem.

The Good Samaritan. On the Jerusalem-Jericho highway of old, the Lord Jesus saw five classes: The robber class, the robbed class, the priest class, the Levite class, and the good Samaritan class. These classes are traveling life's highway to-day. In which class do **you** belong? If we have been quickened into life by the Lord Jesus, we may belong to the good Samaritan class, bringing healing in His Name to the wounded and fallen fellow travelers. It will cost something to "rescue the perishing" and "lift up the fallen." The good Samaritan imperiled his life in helping the wounded Jew. Not only that; in caring for him, he "mortgaged the future," saying, "Whatsoever thou

spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." Are **you**, like the priest and Levite of old, passing "by on the other side," possibly hearing the cries of the fallen, but not lifting one finger to help them? "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Read Job 29: 15, 16; Prov. 31: 20; Eph. 4: 32.)

THE OLD COUNTRY CHURCH

Out in the country by the way,
  Stood the church we loved so well,
We saw it almost every day,
  And the half I cannot tell.
When daddy took me by the hand
  My heart would leap with joy.
My pa was then a strong young man,
  And I was a little boy.

The people all went to church—
  The rich, poor, high, and low;
They would sing and shout and praise the Lord.
  From whom all blessings flow.
Some people rode in the old ox cart
  And some walked with no disgrace,
But when the moment came to start,
  Each one was in his place.

They had no organ, notes, or choir,
  But they made the music ring.
'Twould kindle up celestial fire,
  To hear those old folks sing:
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound,"
  "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand."
"Shout, Shout, We Are Gaining Ground,"
  "Bound For the Promised Land."

The preacher had no college gloss,
  He preached the Gospel plain,
He just told the story of the cross,
  And he would tell it over again.
The mourners' bench he'd recommend,
  Where sinners would prostrate fall
The old time religion then,
  Was good enough for all.

They had no carpets on the floor,
  Nor ceiling overhead.
No cement steps around the door,
  A wooden block instead.
They sat on benches made of planks;
  No special seats for ease.
All to the Lord they gave many thanks,
  And they prayed on bended knees.

My father sat in the Amen square,
  To hear the Saviour's call.
He often led in earnest prayer,
  That dew from heaven would fall.
He smiled when all the brethren smiled.
  And wept when they were sad.
Pure and undefiled religion
  Was what my daddy had.

These old folks now are moving on,
  Their heads are few and gray,
That preacher's in the great beyond,
  And the old church has passed away.
A mansion now is on the spot,
  And it makes a mighty show.
While style and fashion take the lead,
  And pride is all the go.

—M. D. Meeks

THE MAKING OF FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
  And nobody helped us along,
If each every man looked after himself,
  And good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you,
  And nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone in the battle of life,
  What a dreary old world this would be!

If there were no such things as a flag in the sky,
  As a symbol of comradeship here,
If we lived as the animals live in the woods,
  With nothing held sacred or dear,
If selfishness ruled us from birth to the end,
  And never a neighbor had we,
And never we gave to another in need—
  What a dreary old world this would be!

Oh, if we were rich as the richest on earth,
  And strong as the strongest that lives,
Yet we knew not at all the delight and the charms
  Of the smile which the other man gives,
If kindness were never a part of ourselves,
  Though we owned all the land we could see,
And friendship meant nothing at all to us here—
  What a dreary old world this would be!

—Selected by Mrs. J. K. Ruffin.

"TO KNOW ALL IS TO FORGIVE ALL"

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness:
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me.

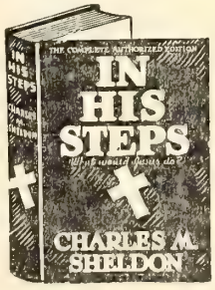
If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self, we
Could look each other in the face
And see therein a truer grace.
Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose:
The "why" of things our heart would see,
If I knew you and you knew me.

Nixon Waterman in
"In Merry Mood."

—Selected by Mrs. J. K. Ruffin.

In His Steps

By Charles M. Sheldon



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VAUSE. On March 13, 1943, our beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. Winnie Vause, slipped quietly away from this troubled earth into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom she had so faithfully served.

We, the members of Bethany Ladies Aid desire to pay tribute to her. Sister Vause was a noble Christian and one of our most loyal members. We cannot understand why God took her away, but we know He doeth all things well and we will some day understand, so we humbly submit to his will.

Her years were so filled with Christian graces that to think of her is to love her and remember her kind manner and the faithful services she so willingly rendered to her Lord.

She was unselfish, kind, and ever thoughtful of others, and her Christian life shall radiate on even though she has gone. We thank God that we have known her.

Our hearts are sad and there is a vacancy in our midst, but we can not mourn our loss when we know she is not dead but has just gone home. We look to that Great Day when we shall join her around the Throne of God.

We offer our heart-felt sympathy to her husband, Rev. G. C. Vause, our beloved pastor, and the other members of her family. We commend them to the care of Him, who doeth all things well.

Our wish is that a copy of this be placed in the minutes of our Aid Society, and one sent to the Free Will Baptist paper.

Mrs. Julius Vause,
Mrs. Dessie Langston,
Mrs. Bessie Oliver,
Committee

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PAIT. Since it was our heavenly Father's good will to take from our midst our beloved Brother D. B. Pait, let us first bow in humble submission to His will, for we are keenly conscious that He is too good to be unkind.

However, it is only human for us to regret the loss of Brother Pait. We know also that Oak Grove Church in Bladen County has lost a faithful member who will be missed in his church and community. He was faithful in attendance and support of the church in a financial way. We are confident that we will see him again in that Great Day.

Written by his pastor,
Rev. W. L. Jernigan,
Warsaw, North Carolina

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PATE. On November 5, 1942, Mr. L. B. Pate, died in Greenville hospital from a heart attack. He was fifty-three years of age. We, the members of Stoney Creek Church have lost one of our most active and loved members. He was a member of Stoney Creek Church over twenty years.

Surviving are his wife and seven children: two girls, Mrs. Irene Jones and Mattie; and five boys, U. S., Floyd, Leland, Martin, and Garey, all of the home. The family have our greatest sympathy.

But for a week he was confined
In pain and anguish still,
Yet patiently he seemed resigned
To wait his Father's will.

There's not a doubt upon our minds,
But victory he obtained;
Although he's left us here behind
I hope we'll meet again.

Mrs. Bishop Pate,
Black Creek, N. C.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas the Lord has seen fit in his wise Providence to call Elder M. C. Prescott from labour to his reward; and

Whereas Brother Prescott was pastor of Black Jack F. W. Baptist Church for 17 years, which pastorate came to a close in the year of 1933; and

Whereas during his ministry he was a member of the Ladies Aid and an honorary member at the time of death;

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Ladies Aid Society:

1. Bow our heads and yield our spirits in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father.
2. That we pray God's riches in grace abide with the family and loved ones of our departed brother; and
3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist, a copy be sent to the family, and a copy be placed in our minutes.

By the Committee,
Mamie Dixon,
Nancie Rouse,
Daisy Boyd

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Mrs. Nannie Kennedy was called away from us on February 1, 1943. God called her to her heavenly home on her birthday, at the age of 65.

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Previdence to call from us this dear one of God, be it therefore resolved:

First, that though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission and due recognition to God's Holy Will in calling the spirit of our beloved sister to be forever with Him;

Second, that we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and love during their bereavement and may they find comfort in Him who said "Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"; and

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper, and one to be entered in the minutes of the Eastern Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Mrs. Cedric Boyd,
Mrs. Lena Gaskins,
Mrs. Alton Smith

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Mrs. Etta Thomas, a beloved member of Beulaville Church, has recently been called away from her earthly home to be with Jesus. She died at the age of 65.

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Providence to call from us this dear one of God, be it therefore resolved:

First, that though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission and due recognition to God's Holy Will in calling the Spirit of this dear Sister to be forever with Him;

Second, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy and love during their bereavement and may they find comfort and strength in Him who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"; and

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Prayerfully submitted,
Mrs. Cedric Boyd,
Mrs. Lena Gaskins,
Mrs. Alton Smith

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Mrs. Minnie Benson, a beloved member of Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, has recently passed from this world of suffering to be with Jesus. She died at the age of 54.

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Providence to call Sister Benson to be with Him, be it therefore resolved:

First, that though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission to the will of God;

Second, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy and love during their bereavement and may they find consolation and strength in Him who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"; and

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Mrs. Alton Smith

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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I. T. BISHOP 95 YEARS OLD

April days bring back to Mrs. Martha Bishop, age 95, memories of the close of the Civil War of 1865, and of her Confederate veteran husband who fought with Lee at Richmond and Petersburg.

When the war was over, I. T. Bishop, Sr., came home, and the following winter he was married to Martha Kennedy. Their wedding day was June 17, 1867. Mrs. Bishop was born August 9, 1847. Mr. Bishop died 13 years ago at the age of 87. Mrs. Bishop now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Powell, at their old home, which is in Duplin County, near Mount Olive. Recently she visited with her grandson, sheriff German Powell, near Kenansville, and she enjoyed the trip thoroughly. While visiting her grandson, she paid a visit to The Duplin Times office, and recalled with astonishing clearness many of the events of her long life.

Mrs. Bishop attends church and Sunday School at the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist church, of which she is a loyal member. She is the mother of nine children, but only four are living. From this sainted mother comes a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will rise up and call her blessed (Proverbs 31: 28). Mrs. Bishop also has two sisters living, Mrs. Caroline Rhodes who is 75 years of age, and Mrs. Julia Jackson, of Beulaville, who is 85 years old. She has one brother, Jacob Kennedy.

May this Godly woman yet live to glorify our Lord and His great cause is the wishes of her many friends.

Written by her niece,
Mrs. W. W. Rouse,
Kinston, N. C.

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NOTICE

In our Western District Auxiliary Convention, we voted to furnish a room in our National Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. We will need $105 to complete the furnishing of one room. As women we can do this small part toward Education, and what a glorious privilege and opportunity for us.

Since I was just elected second vice-president in the last session, I am anxious that you give your full cooperation in this project. I have written a letter to each society asking its help; but, if you fail to receive one, won't you respond anyway with your donation promptly?

Yours to serve,
Mrs. Oliver Smith,
Second Vice-President,
Western District,
R-1, Pikeville, N. C.

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DID YOU?

Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson

My work just now prevented me from enjoying our Auxiliary Conventions this spring. Yes, I missed them a great deal. You who know me realize something of how much our work means to me. One night I was invoking God's blessings upon our great work, with every phase of it burdening heavily upon me. As I paused in my prayer a voice said "How much are you doing to help?" I have always kept my dues paid and helped in every way I could. This year I'm not at home where I can work with our good women. How did I answer that voice? I arose from my knees, found pen and ink, wrote a check, wrote a letter to the president of our Aid, and enclosed the check, advising her how to use same in blessing our program. Did you seek to help answer your prayer?

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Abiding in the Source of Strength

Last Sunday God's children everywhere must have felt drawn very close to Him. Easter always draws Christians near our great fountain of strength. The flowers in the church where I worshipped were beautiful. To me they speak of God. As I noticed one cluster, I perceived a withered flower. The stem was not reaching into the water. How like some professed Christians. Some have ceased drinking from the source of strength and no longer flourish and radiate the sunshine of God's love. Jesus taught that the vine must abide in the branch. Where are you abiding?

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Feed the Flock

Acts 20: 17-38 is quite interesting. Paul was having a conference with the elders of the Ephesian Church. As we read those words I hope we will apply them to our own church group. Especially notice verses 28-31. Are we taking heed to ourselves? Are we feeding the flock? or are we those described in verse 30. Sometimes the laity fail to realize that we are in part responsible for the food with which the flocks are fed? We think the preacher has that duty. We criticize him. We say unkind things about him. We spend much more time in finding fault of him than we do praying for him.

Remember please, Jesus says, "ye are the light of the world." That means all those who are Christians, not only our preachers, but you and I, however small our sphere, there remains a chance to let our light shine that others may be brought into fellowship with God. May we be more prayerful. May we love more sincerely, and work more cooperatively for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Knowing that the young Christians and the un-Christians are reading our lives and being influenced by the way we live. "I rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

Shall we work as we pray?

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Oh, if they only understood!
Could they but draw aside the screen
Of shielding clay that stands between,
And see the penitent within
That craves so oft release from sin;

If some kind angel could reveal
The sense of guilt and shame I feel
Because my heart will ope to things
Whose very entrance blights and stings;
Oh, if they only, only knew
The grace it takes to just ring true!

If they could understand my need,
And hear what I confess and plead,
And know how fully I depend
Upon my precious Lord and Friend;
I wonder, would they call such dress
The mantle of self-righteousness?

—Edith L. Mapes

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HOW GOD WILL MAKE ALL CREEDS ONE

By D. W. Clemens
Bolt, W. Va.

A thoughtful fellow
About the Creeds,
Near two thousand years
Has seen the needs.

He has dropped a thought
That makes demons quake.
Broad, open daylight,
Truth they forsake.

The many private routes
That lead apart,
Cause many precious souls
To have numerous doubts.

The love for the soul
Will count the great cost
And open the blind eyes
Of those they cause lost.

Fathers and mothers, the truth they will tell
To their dear ones they love so well.
These words of truth they can never forget,
The worth of a soul and its awful fate.

Be aware of the leaven
That is full of deceit,
Was the warning he gave them
That sat at His feet.

The spirit of truth must lead the band,
To make it safe for the soul of man.
This leadership rejected, all has gone wrong,
Preaching becomes a worn out song.

The mind of man for lust,
Never would do to trust.
They double the number
That sure must be lost.

The blind lead the blind,
Made plain to the lost,
Will prompt the great need
Of the Way of the Cross.

I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6: 18.

Praise to the goodness of the Lord,
Who rules his people by his word;
And there, as strong as his decrees,
He sets his kindest promises.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7: 1.

EDITORIAL

GOD EMPLOYS A MAN
(Acts 9: 10-16)

The Holy Spirit will arrest and convict wretched souls, sometimes in mysterious manner, of their vile wickedness. So it was in the case of Saul, but the Lord sent Ananias to complete the work. God has ever had need of proper individuals in his kingdom work. Let us note here that this was not the Ananias who lied to the apostle Peter in Jerusalem concerning giving to the church. There is a story told of a Labrador Eskimo who named his baby Ananias, but he explained to the missionary that he was named "not after Ananias the liar, but after the good Ananias, who gave Saul back his sight."

God appeared to Ananias in a vision saying, "Arise and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, . . . behold, he prayeth." This devout man was the disciple whom God singled out to do this special service for him. But, like Moses of old, he immediately made an excuse. At first it would seem he had very good reasons for fear upon coming in contact with Saul the persecutor. Said he, "I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jerusalem." He is a bad man. He has persecuted the disciples in Jerusalem, and scattered many of them abroad. And now "he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name." He has come to Damascus to terrify, to arrest, and to take back to Jerusalem your followers for trial and possible execution. He is a man to be feared greatly.

But, when God lays his hand on a person to be his spokeman, his messenger, he does not take excuses for an answer.. So, the Lord said to Ananias, "Go thy way, for he is a chosen vessel unto me." You need not fear Saul now, for he has become a converted man. "He is to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the Children of Israel." You go and tell him. Here was the assurance to Ananias that Saul was to be henceforth "a chosen vessel" for the Lord. There is no need. therefore, for any of the disciples to stand in dread of him, but you go and tell him that "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

Such was God's commission to Ananias, and he obeyed the command. Obediance is the first duty of man to his God. Thus, God used Ananias as a human helper to preform a definite work. Today God needs human helpers to carry on his kingdom work. More and better prepared teachers of his Word are needed in many places. Students of the Young People's league and of the Sunday School classes are needed to do more missionary work in their neighborhoods to get others to attend church and Sunday School. More mission workers are needed in the home and foreign fields for Christ. God is calling, we believe, some of the young as well as some of the old to do definite things for him in this world of sin and great persecution. Is it not true, then, that they should obey his call, and do service for the spreading of the Gospel?

MY COUNTRY, MY MOTHER, MY GOD

By Levi M. Sawyer,
S. F. 2-c, U. S. N. R.

The days are dark and troublesome,
The nights are just the same;
Therefore, they aren't very burdensome
Of social joys and special fame.

Even though we're so encumbered,
We gladly sacrifice our all;
We'll meet the enemy at any time,
And, if need, bravely fall.

When we were very young, our mothers,
So very near and dear;
Taught us to love our country,
And we should have no fear.

I know my Mother was very honest,
So faithful, so true and so kind;
Even though she's now with the angels;
I can feel her directing my mind.

Yes, "Mother," What a wonderful name!
What a wonderful blessing to man;
If we would obey her teachings,
We would live without much sin.

Now, dear Jesus, our personal Saviour,
Come down from heaven above;
And bring to the world great blessings
Of peace and joy and love.

Yes, He is ever ready
To listen to our pleas;
And He will plead to our Father
For all humanity.

But, first we must surrender,
Ourself, our life, our all;
Then He will gladly stand by
And help us never to fall.

Therefore, we love our Country,
Our mothers and our God;
The most beautiful words e'er spoken
Where mortal feet have trod.

Let's keep them free and untarnished
Let's love and serve them well;
Let's keep "Old Glory" flying high
Good day, good night and farewell.

The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16: 27.

See the Judge our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine;
You, who long for his appearing,
Then shall say this God is mine:
Gracious Saviour,
Own me in that day for thine.

What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Matt. 16: 26.

Bible Stops Bullet

(A Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape from Death)

The Wilds of No Where
The Land of Death and Destruction
Received September 3, 1942.

Dear Sis:

In writing this letter to you, I don't know where to start first. So many things have happened since last I wrote. Well, to begin with I have escaped death at the hand of an enemy in a way so amazing I am still in a daze. You remember I told you I was going over, I was going over armed with the Bible? . . . That Bible is the reason I am still here and able to write this letter to all America. . . .

Here is the story: My buddy and I were sent out on duty with our equipment in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received information. The most important for weeks. When we were discovered by the enemy, I gave my buddy the information we had collected, told him to beat it with it, prepared myself to face them. It was the first time I'd been faced with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man and blasting the life from his miserable body. I thought fast; then I said, "Lord, it's Your responsibility now." My buddy had not obeyed my order. He had no such scruples. As I reached for my carbine, a shot from one of them struck me in the breast and blasted me down. Thinking I was dead, my pal jumped for me, grabbed my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, blasting away with both guns. He was blasted, too, his knees with three bullet wounds, but when he finished, there was not a one of them left. He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force of that bullet had only stunned me. Dazedly, I wondered why. I pulled that little Bible out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover . . . It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, on through the Pentateuch, on through the other books, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and kept going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of Psalm 91, pointing like a finger at this verse: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Sis, when I read that verse it raised me three feet off the ground. I did not even know there was such a verse in the Bible. I'd been reading mostly in the New Testament. I read the rest of that chapter—the first part was ripped apart. In utter humility I said, "Thank you, precious God," and felt like a little boy that had escaped the mouth of an enemy of prey . . .

When I got my buddy back to the post, he said, "Lute (he calls me Lute), I've had enough. This convinces me. Come on—I want to get right with God, starting right now." He wouldn't let them tend his wounds. He said, "Nothing matters now but this." He stayed on his knees sixteen hours with three wounds. His body became so numb it couldn't move. But he would not give up. When the Lord finally came in, he moved! That soldier went crazy for God. He jumped over chairs (I mean boxes). He jumped over bunks. He even ran outside and shouted to the whole camp.

Since I've given my heart to God, and talked with the boys, held meetings and pray with them, God has given me 25 souls. Twenty-five of my buddies have prayed through and come out for God. God even gave me my general. It took a long time. He was so dignified. But God told me to go after him. I stuck on his trail until he was grounded and came through. The Spirit of God hovered over that tent with a sort of glimmering golden haze. I tell you, Sis, prayer is going to win this war. Not guns alone. Fervent, agonizing prayer I know is. God is bringing them in one by one. The whole company will be a company of praying men. God has promised them to me. Given me assurance. Think of it, 120 praying men and one general in one regiment! When that happens this unit will be unconquerable. Pray, Sis. Pray as you never prayed before. Tell everyone to pray. Tell all America to go to its knees.

Before each decisive victory anywhere over here, sometimes for hours, sometimes for days, there has been a feeling of people praying far away. The feeling is so strong, you can hear. One of the men, the most stubborn of them, said in the stillness of the night, "God! did you hear anything? Sounded like people praying from some distant place. Must be hearing things in this dead place?"

So, pray, everyone. It will have to come from afar. No one prays in this land of utter desolation. God has turned His face away from the horror and destruction man has brought on himself.

Again, I plead, tell America to pray! This war will not end until nations and people have paid in blood and tears for thrusting God out of their hearts, out of their nations, out of their lands. And tell them for God's sake to send Bibles, and more Bibles, and more Bibles! A Bible will give him confidence that God is with him. I'd like to have this letter broadcast from every radio station in America. Try to get it on the air, in the papers, in anything that is printed. Make copies of it. Send it from coast to coast. Tell them the Army wants prayers and Bibles.

And you complacent, bridge-playing, fox-trotting, cocktail-drinking mothers, why didn't you teach your sons about God instead of handing him a cigarette, a cocktail glass and a dance program! Get on your knees and ask God to forgive your sins. Then pray for the Army—pray, pray, pray! And you great, dignified preachers! Why didn't you teach your people to pray? To follow God instead of standing before them in your silken robes and reading them a

ritual. Only atonement for sin can stop the shelling, the killing, the murdering. Even the shells that come whizzing through the air scream only one word—"Atonement!"

. . . I could go on, but I am so tired, so weary. But in all so happy to see them coming to God one by one. So tell them to pray, atone for sin, and keep praying. And when you send things to your boys, send Bibles. They want Bibles.

Your loving brother,

LIEUTENANT . . . .

(Note:—Herewith is presented a letter from a Lieutenant in the United States Army in some far-off battle front to his sister in Pennsylvania. The original is in possession of Rev. Ray B. White, of Zaraphath, New Jersey.)—The Editor.

—Submitted by Mrs. Minnie D. Mason.

THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR

By Rev. Rufus Hyman

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (II Tim. 2: 4).

The Apostle Paul is writing young Timothy who is going into the gospel ministry. There is one thing the young minister needs which is to be informed by experienced preachers. Paul was highly trained and had years of practical experience, as well as divine inspiration, to qualify him as an instructor for young Timothy, or as a teacher of any Bible institute.

The Soldier a Choosen Person

A soldier is chosen by his country in time of war, either by enlistment or by selective service. He is to leave home, parents, brothers, sisters, wife and children in order to defend his country against the enemy. At the present time our country is in the worst conflict in its history. Our soldiers are being given military training in hundreds of camps over the world. Our soldiers in the United States Army have certain standards to meet before they can become real soldiers. They have physical standards to meet, such as having able bodies, good eyes, free of diseases, etc. Not everyone can be a good soldier for the American Army.

Some must be soldiers on the home front. We have our war factories which have competent workers. They must work long and hard in order for the Army on the battle fronts to have guns, tanks, airplanes, shells, etc. Many others are also doing essential things back at home to support our boys in service. They are soldiers of production. A good soldier must be free from worldly affairs. He is to be nothing but a soldier. He is free from all business connections, and his loved ones are taken care of by his government.

He is not to worry about the "wolf of starvation" knocking at his family's door.

The Christian Soldier

A Christian soldier must please God who has called him in His kingdom service, just as a soldier is selected by his Army to defend his country. Just so is a minister chosen by the Lord to defend His kingdom here in this world, and to give the Gospel to the world. The world is an enemy to God and His kingdom of righteousness. The world is separated by sin and it is God's desire that all men should be saved. In order for God to do this, He has called ministers to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to be witnesses for Him. They are chosen to go to school, to take training so that they might know how to fight the enemy. Just as Timothy needed training under one of the greatest teachers and preachers that ever lived, so it is necessary that those whom God calls shall have training to equip them to be good warriors of the cross of Christ.

After the Christian warrior goes out into the world to preach the gospel, and to win lost souls, he must be separated from worldly affairs, in order to be a good preacher. He is not to be a farmer, a salesman, a worker in the factory or in the mine. There are others who can do these things just as well or possibly better than the minister can. It is not because the preacher is lazy, far from that. Being a minister of the gospel is not a lazy man's job. The preacher does not have any more time to follow other callings than does the fighting soldier in the American Army. He cannot be a good soldier for the Lord, if he has to be entangled with the world. He cannot be as good a preacher as he should be if he must work six days to the week to earn his daily bread. There is no wonder there are some preachers who preach poor sermons, for they have to work just as hard as do their church members. When a man has done strenuous work for six days to the week, he is not in the proper condition to prepare sermons and to preach on Sunday morning.

As the ministers labor for God during the week, visiting their members, the sick, preparing their sermons, holding funerals, and preaching on Sundays, they are able to do these things only as they are supported by the Christians who constitute the membership of their various churches. If they have to work out on the farm, in the store, or elsewhere, and not have the time to do as much ministerial work as needs to be done, then please do not criticize them for their poor sermons. Churches that will not support their pastors have no right to criticize them for not doing more for God, when the truth is many a minister can do but very little in their churches because their members force them to do other work for the support of themselves and their families.

As ministers we are to work to please God who has called us into the Gospel ministry. Let us preach, therefore, the need of a supported ministry, and the setting forth a progressive church program. If many of our church members would tithe, the income of most any church would be sufficient to support a full-time ministry. Think how the work would prosper! May our laymen get the spirit of Brother R. C. Baggett's article which he had in the Baptist paper a few weeks ago. When such shall be the case, then our laymen will say to the God-called man, "Get

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

By J. R. Davidson,
Ashland City, Tennessee

At noon February 27, 1943, Rev. Damon Dodd and I boarded the train at Nashville, enroute to Highland Park, Michigan, for the purpose of conducting a session of the Christian Workers' Institute, which was scheduled to run from March 1 through 12. We arrived at the station in Detroit at 7 o'clock Sunday A. M., and were met by the pastor of the Highland Park Church, Rev. Ramond Riggs. After having been served our breakfast we were taken to the pastor's home, allowed to clean up and refresh, then we were taken over to the home of Brother and Sister Bert Bagwell where we were cordially entertained during the days of the Institute. We next were escorted to the church for the Sunday School, and the preaching services, which marked the opening of a series of Revival Services which were to be conducted in connection with the Institute. The afternoon was an opportunity to advertise the institute by attending an afternoon song program which is conducted each Sunday afternoon at the Hazel Park Church. We enjoyed this program as well as possible, for ones who had not been privileged to sleep any the night before. Then we returned to the church for the League and the evening service. Soon after the evening service was over we accompanied several of the congregation to one of the radio stations, where we were in "The Old Time Religius Program" until most midnight, and then decided to call it a day and "turn in" for a few hours of rest.

At nine o'clock Monday A. M. the session of the Institute was opened with appropriate worship, and we began a two-weeks' profitable study of the Word, and courses which serve to throw light on the Word. Twenty-two students were enrolled the first day, and additions were made until we had twenty-eight regular students, and several sitting in on class periods, as their sundry duties would allow. As history was made interest seemed to grow, and each class period seemed to close with regrets that the time had passed so quickly. The final day found twenty-two of those enrolled ready to take the examinations, and it is interesting to be able to report that all twenty-two received certificates; also that the average grade made was ninety plus.

The courses offered were: Biblical Introduction, Bible Doctrine, History of Missions, Personal Soul-Winning and Preparation and Delivery of Gospel Messages. Brother Dodd presented three of the courses. It was my responsibility to do the most of the preaching for the Revival Services.

Something of what the Spirit of the Institute, and the courses taught meant to the students, is expressed in the following quotations taken from a few of the students' examination papers, which follow:

From the Young Licensed Minister's Angle:

"I believe that the Christian Workers' Institute has been the greatest opportunity of my life. To me it has presented the Scriptures so that a young child could easily understand them, yet they were presented in a way whereby the deepest parts in the Bible were brought out. To me it has shown my responsibility in telling the lost of Jesus Christ."

From An Institute Convert's Angle:

"As to my appraisal of the Christian Workers' Institute, I think that it is a most wonderful opportunity for any one, who is interested, to learn more about the Bible; its source, contents, etc. I can not begin to tell all that it has meant to me, and I intend to continue to study that I may gain more knowledge and blessings."

From a Young Christian's Angle:

"To me, who when the Institute began was only an infant in Christ Jesus, this has been the most wonderful two weeks of my life. The courses have taught me to love the Lord more, and they have increased my curiosity. My desire to know more about his Word has become very great. The courses I like most are Bible Doctrine, and Personal Soul-Winning. My desire is to put into practice the things which I have learned. No other courses, in my opinion, could have been better. They have increased my faith in, and love for God. My desire now is to live a straight Christian life, to win souls to Christ, and to help such to also become faithful Christian workers."

From a Pastor's Wife's Angle:

"I think that the Christian Workers' Institute is one of the best things in the land, and has the best teachers anywhere. I think the courses offered are the most important subjects that could be taught. To me these Institutes have meant more than I can find words to express. They have shown me more about the doctrines of the Bible, and, also, how to become a better soul-winner for Jesus Christ. They have given me more determination to serve Jesus with all my heart and life."

From the Women's Auxiliary Worker and Sunday School Teacher's Angle:

"I think that the Christian Workers' Institute is a wonderful inspiration, both as to valuable instructions and spirituality. Most of us could not have received this information otherwise. I truly would hate to say which course has meant most to me, but Biblical Survey will surely make it possible for me to be sure when I am asked where, and how, we got our Bible; and, if, and how our Bible

is inspired. Bible Doctrine led me to see Jesus more plainly than I ever did, and I am sure that I shall now be more able to tell others the same. Personal Soul-Winning has given me a greater desire to be more zealous about my Father's business. I do think that Preparation and Delivery of Gospel Messages will cause me to be more methodical in my teaching."

The revival services held each evening and the three Sundays used in God's kingdom work were a most wonderful success. Christians were greatly revived, backsliders were reclaimed, un-Christian church members were reached, faithful Christians were refilled, and sinners were convicted; and some of them were saved, and several were added to the local church membership. Word, of late, from the pastor is to the effect that the revival fires are still burning, and we praise the Lord for this.

The following financial statement is further evidence of a fruitful season for the local church, and the cause in general. Expense of Institute to local Church:

Rent of Dining Hall (paid by Wolverine Asso.)	$100.00
Meat Bill	60.75
Paid Cooks	50.00
To Lee and Cady	25.70
General Merchandise	93.67
Milk Bill (donated by member)	16.75
Total	$346.87
Amount raised for Unified Program Fund	$100.00
Registration fees	28.00
Love offering given during Institute	85.00
Total	$213.00
Regular offerings for local expenses during Institute	$587.95
Grand Total expended by local church during Institute	$1,147.82

It may easily be seen that this congregation did not lose the support to the local work by investing in the general cause, rather it always proves to be a stimulus. After settlement was made for everything relative to the work of the Institute there were $20.00 surplus, and this congregation divided it between the Bible College and one of the students. The way the Lord has blessed this church in its liberality in entertaining this session of the Institute should serve to encourage other congregations to look forward to enjoying the privilege of rendering such a service to promote such a constructive program in their districts.

THE BEAVER CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our first Sunday School convention was held in Gastonia, North Carolina, on Saturday evening and Sunday, "all day." Dinner was served by the Sunday School, April 24 and 25 at Rhyne Street Church. Brother L. D. Gray is their pastor. We met on Saturday at 2:30 P. M. with the delegates from each Sunday School. The business of the convention was entered into, and much good was accomplished. We were surprised that some of our Sunday Schools were not using our Free Will Baptist literature, and some of them promised to order our Free Will Baptist Sunday School quarterlies. We hope that by the end of the Convention year we will have all of our Sunday Schools using our own literature.

When I asked all to raise their hands who were taking the Free Will Baptist paper, and not a one raised his or her hand, but we got three subscriptions for the paper. There are a few churches in this section of the State that do not know much about the work in other parts of the State, nor about our Orphanage at Middlesex. We are doing all we can to get our church paper in the homes of our church members. We believe that it is one of the best ways to inform our people as to what the Free Will Baptists are doing as a denomination.

On Sunday morning the Convention opened at ten o'clock and it began to work in earnest. There were four singing classes present; namely, Saxon Avenue of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Washington Street, West Gastonia, N. C.; Ryne Street, East Gastonia; and Goshen Grove of Belmont, N. C. Each class had also a quartet, and there were several other quartets present. The singing began like a revival meeting. At twelve-thirty we adjourned for dinner. It was a wonderful spread of good things to eat on the tables.

After dinner we re-assembled in the church for the finishing of the business of the convention. The church was filled and people were standing in the aisles, and a large number of people were on the outside of the church. We had a loud-speaking system set up for those on the outside to hear.

After some congregational singing, and prayer, the classes then went into the contest singing. It was simply wonderful singing, and I do not know how to say what a wonderful convention we did have. It made me think of the great home-coming in the sky in that Great Day of the Lord, when we shall see Jesus coming to claim His own. That will be a sweet home-coming when Jesus shall return to the earth.

The convention closed at four o'clock, with a prayer for the boys in the armed forces of this country. Brother L. D. Gray led the prayer. Many said that it was the best convention we have had, not the largest, but the most good was accomplished.

Our next convention will be held with Arrington Highlights Free Will Baptist church in Lexington, North Carolina, on the last Sunday in July, 1943. It will begin on Saturday at 2:30 P. M., for the business session. On Sunday at ten o'clock the convention will open, and an all-day program will be conducted. We are urging each Sunday School to send in their reports, and the delegates are to bring their singers on Sunday. Help us to make this even a greater convention than the last one was, and let it be the best yet.

Yours in His name,
E. W. O'Dell, President

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10: 13.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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WOMEN'S N. C. STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Information as to how to arrive at Shady Grove Church in Sampson County where the Convention will be held on May 20, 1943.

Shady Grove is situated about midway between Goldsboro and Fayetteville beside Highway Number 102. It may be reached from either city by Bus. Anyone coming to the convention by the way of Clinton or Dunn will buy a ticket to WEST, and there will be someone there to take them to the church.

We are looking forward to, and preparing for a great convention for Christ's sake.

Rev. M. E. Godwin, Pastor

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REPORT OF THE ALBEMARLE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Albemarle Auxiliary convention met with Sidney Church on April 1, 1943, and was opened by the president, Mrs. D. H. Furlough. The following ministers were present: Reverends W. A. Hales, J. C. Griffin and Lizzie McAdams.

The theme for discussion was: "Some Needs for the Present Hour." The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. A. C. Horton who used for her subject the following scripture quotation: "To whom shall we go" (Jon. 6: 68). She brought the convention a very interesting talk from this text. Following the talk the convention was favored with a duet by Mrs. William Webster and Mrs. William A. Rhem. Several persons made talks which were inspiring to those present. The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

"A Return to the Principles of Christian Living," by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

"Revival of Prayer" by Mrs. Edwin Roper. Since Mrs. Roper was sick and could not be present, Mrs. Frank Edwards read her prepared message.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy," by Mrs. William Webster.

"The Church Preparing Itself for a Post-War World", by Rev. W. A. Hales.

It being the time for the election of officers, a Nominating Committee, consisting of Mesdames A. C. Horton, Frank Edwards, and John Copeland, was appointed. The convention was dismissed at this time for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of a hymn, and a chain of prayers was offered by several present. Mrs. McAdams then was given opportunity to explain the Jehoiada Chest, and the Penny-A-Day plans for the auxiliaries. Following this, she made a talk for Mr. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, stating that he is asking each Aid and Missionary society to decorate (furnish) a room in the Home. The small rooms will be ten dollars and the larger ones will be twenty-five dollars. We would like for each society to respond to this worthy cause.

Miss Shearon was present, with some of the children from the Home, and they gave a short program which was greatly enjoyed. Then the list of churches was called and they responded as follows:

Contributions

Malachi's Chapel	$ 7.00
Shiloh	2.00
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	8.00
Free Union Mission Circle	3.00
Union Chapel	2.50
Belhaven	1.50
Mt. Tabor	6.90
Elizabeth City	6.00
Elizabeth City Mission Circle	3.40
Sound Side	2.75
Total	$43.05

Distribution of Finance

To the Orphanage	$18.75
Convention expenses	4.75
For Christian Education	2.95
Superannuation	4.45
Home Missions	2.50
Foreign Missions	5.00
Per Capita Dues to District	3.90
Per Capita Dues to the State Convention	.30

A special offering was taken for the Orphanage which amounted to $12.87, making a total of $31.62 for the Home.

Grand total of all is $55.92.

ANTIOCH AID REPORT

The Antioch Ladies Aid issues the following yearly report:

Dues collected	$ 44.55
Selling and grading tobacco	103.67
Flavoring sold	2.00
Birthday Box	9.30

Disbursements

To Orphanage	$57.90
To Superannuation	1.00
To Red Cross	6.00
To Education	3.34
To Convention	7.00
Home Mission (locally used)	21.57
Foreign Missions	1.36
Foreign Missions and Home Missions	31.09
Miscellaneous	30.94

Activities

No. visits to sick	1181
No. Trays to sick	313
No. flowers to sick	102
No. Funeral designs	24
No. chapters read	1394
No. Gallons milk given	591
No. Cards sent	50
Value of supplies to Orphanage	$41.53

Mrs. W. E. Musgraves, Pres.,
Mrs. J. E. Edmundson, Secy.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough was elected as delegate to go to the State Convention which convenes with Shady Grove Church in Sampson County in May, 1943. Miss Alice Webster was named as her alternate. It was moved and carried to send $5.00 to the convention. The reports were called for and accepted. Mrs. A. C. Hor-

ton gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Mrs. William Webster, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary,
Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Treasurer,
Mrs. Edwin Roper, 1st Vice-President,
Mrs. Frank Edwards, 2nd, Vice-President,
Miss Ethel Willoughby, 3rd Vice-President,
Mrs. W. A. Rhem, 4th Vice-President,
Mrs. John Copeland, 5th Vice-President,
Mrs. H. I. Fowler, 6th Vice-President,
Mrs. Maude Harrison, Field Worker.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, who is Field Secretary of the North Carolina State Association, made a talk, explaining the Six-Point Program, which was very interesting to those who were not familiar with the program. The Friendship Committee expressed their appreciation to the people of Sidney Church and community for the splendid hospitality shown this convention. The convention will meet in April, 1944, with Sound Side Church. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough, President,
(Miss) Alice Webster, Secretary

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FREE UNION AID REPORT

Our society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. T. Windley on Saturday afternoon of April 3, 1943. It was opened with song service, scripture reading and prayer. Sentence prayers were led by Alice Webster, and closed by Mrs. Windley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was then called, and the dues paid in were $3.34. A motion was then carried to send ten dollars to the Orphanage at Middlesex for furnishing a room.

The next business was that of taking in the remaining squares and the money on the Building Fund project for our church. Seventy-four dollars had been raised since our last meeting, which makes a total amount of one hundred fourteen dollars, and fourteen cents ($114.14) raised by the members. The member who turned in the most money, $37.50, was Mrs. W. A. Rhem.

Mrs. Wm. Webster extended the Aid an invitation to meet with her for the next meeting. After adjournment and benediction, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Wm. Webster, Secretary

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PILGRIM'S HOME AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of our church met on April 25 at the home of Mrs. J. F. Marshburn. There were twelve members present for the meeting, which opened with a hymn and prayer being offered by Mr. F. C. Ipock. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. W. G. Ipock. Then the business was entered into by having the roll called.

Dues collected	$ 1.30
Miscellaneous	5.40
Tithing	14.40
Total	$21.10
Chapters read in the Bible	32
Sick visits made	15
Amount in the treasury last meeting	$28.39

The meeting was closed with prayer by M. E. G. Andrews. Fruits were served by the hostess.

Mrs. W. G. Ipock, Secretary

MONTHLY REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

(April, 1943)

Reedy Branch Church	$ 20.40
Mrs. D. C. Davenport	5.00
Swannanoa S. S.	9.03
Core Creek Church	38.00
Folkstone Church	20.00
Pleasant Hill Church	4.87
Whalley's Chapel Church	4.00
George Webster	50.00
Little Creek Church	10.00
Western Dist. Aux.	5.00
May's Chapel Church	3.00
Maury Church	3.70
Harrell's Chapel Church	4.00
Rose of Sharon Church	9.00
Welcome Home Church	3.00
Oak Grove Church	14.00
Oak Grove W. Aux.	2.00
Holly Springs Church	5.00
Young Wo Aux., Durham Church	2.52
W. G. Wilson and wife	6.00
Snow Hill Church, Duplin County	7.00
Union Chapel Church	2.00
Union Chapel Aux.	2.00
Black Jack Church	27.80
Black Jack W. Aux.	5.00
Black Jack Miss. Society	5.00
Shady Planes Church	12.80
Rock Spring Church	5.00
Hickory Grove Church	3.00
Grimsley Church	6.42
Core Creek W. Aux.	5.00
Sidney Church	8.00
Hugo Church	5.00
Union Grove Church	5.25
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	1.25
Total received in April	$319.04
Sent to Nat. Treasurer	$319.04

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary State Association
of North Carolina

A Missionary in Africa

Pvt. Carlton Heath, North Africa, is securing subscriptions to the Baptist, thus making him a self-made missionary in this line of getting subscriptions. Carlton is a citizen of Craven county and a member of the well-known church of Core Creek, at Cove City, N. C. His family for generations have been staunch Free Will Baptists. God's blessings rest upon this fine young man.

A Fine Manifestation of Appreciation

Pvt. Elmer R. Freeman, Co. D. 704 M. P. Bn., Breakhart Resv., Melrose, Mass., showed a fine spirit of appreciation for the work of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex in the article written by him in last week's issue of the Baptist. I am sure that every lover of the Orphanage will appreciate the fine tribute paid to the institution, and also to the Casey's Chapel Church in his article. We praise God for such appreciative folk as Elmer.

Along with Elmer's expression of appreciation we notice that a number of the boys who were reared at the Orphanage have written to Brother James A. Evans expressing their appreciation for what the institution did for them. And we want to thank Brother Evans and Bro. Dunn for the arranging of the directory in which the names and addresses of the boys, who were reared at the Orphanage, and who are now serving in the armed forces appear. These boys can now get in touch with each other through the columns of the Baptist and keep that tie of fellowship that makes them a part of a great family—THE ORPHANAGE FAMILY—and will serve as a source of inspiration to us who are always interested in the children who share in the blessings of the home.

Not Too Late for Offerings

In case, that for any reason, that your church did not take that FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, it is not too late to make your offering. Make it in a hurry and forward the same to Rev. Chester Pelt, 1212 E. Durham, N. C.

Christian Education

According to the SIX-POINT PROgram the month of June is designated by the North Carolina State Association Executive Committee as "Christian Educational Month." So, look that poster over which was sent you by the Field Secretary and get all set for a "BIG" push right in the beginning of the month.

The Bible School is going and if you want to go along with this institution let us head that way with the "biggest" educational offering ever in the month of June. Pray about the matter.

Also along with the direct gift for the Bible School, the Women's Auxiliary of North Carolina, is supplementing the educational work by sponsoring the "Anna Phillips Loanfund." This is a fund from which the young men and women of North Carolina may borrow money to attend the Bible School. One has to be in preparation for religious work to borrow from this fund with promise to pay back after employment is secured. So let us co-operate and make it possible for every worthy young man and young woman to prepare for service in the church and thus carry on for the glory of God. REMEMBER THAT JUNE IS EDUCATIONAL MONTH.

Union Meetings

The last of May is time for the Union Meetings in North Carolina. We are asking that each Union remember Foreign Missions and Christian Education in the distribution of funds. We are praying that the Holy Spirit will so impress the souls of all who attend that our minds shall be full of the holy presence of Jesus Christ to the extent that we shall hear God speak, through His Son, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Then may we remember that the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul must have the assistance of Christian Education before one is prepared to "go in person to preach the gospel."

The Preacher and the Message

What a man preaches is entirely with the preacher, and is not the work of another. A man is free to preach anything that is called "religion" in the United States. No man has the right to dictate to any Baptist Minister what shall be preached and what shall not be preached. Baptists are people who believe in a democratic form of church government. There is no ecclesiastical dictator at the head of any Baptist church. Baptist people do not believe in centralized power. The local church speaks for itself. "The church holds its own keys," is an old fundamental ruling, and a law within itself that will not be destroyed by modern ideas and resolutions. Associations and conferences are not dominating organizations but institutions by which co-operation and fellowship can be had and promotional work carried on in the churches forming the said organization. But even though resolutions are passed to make a certain thing a law for the church, the resolution is without power until the local church has endorsed the resolution. So, the preacher is at liberty to preach anything that his conscience leads him to preach and no earthly power can prevent such preaching. The preacher can be denounced by his congregation and set aside from the fellowship of any and all organizations, but his mouth can not be ordered by any earthly power.

But one great need of Free Will Baptists is such training in one line of thought that there would be a greater ONENESS in the MESSAGE that is delivered and not so much contradiction in "What Free Will Baptists believe." One preacher will preach and call the message, "Our Doctrine," and another will deliver a message and say, "This is our Doctrine" when the two messages are contrary in meaning.

Years ago, a very strong "Once in grace always in grace" layman (man

who was not a member of the Free Will Baptist church), said to me: "My pastor preaches one sermon strongly Calvinistic and then the next one will be Armenian, this is confusing." Well, I happened to know that this pastor was not educated by the denominational college, therefore he was not taught the doctrine of this particular church.

The way for preachers to be one is to have the same training, be taught the same theology, observe the same edicts, believe nothing but what is called "Doctrine" by the particular church. Then to make this ONENESS GREATER the prayer of Jesus in John 17 must be experienced by the preacher, and his "All on the altar laid," with entire consecration, with all selfishness and ignorance dethroned, and then the PREACHER will be known by his message.

Paul in writing to the church at Corinth condemns doctrines that do not "edify," saying, "Let all things be done to edifying." But contradicting sermons do not edify. The Bible does not contradict itself. It is the interpretation of man that brings conflict. Therefore, Paul writes, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2: 15).

IN GRANDMA'S TIME AND NOW

In Grandma's time they were content
To go with ox team where they went;
But now we use a high-powered car,
And think it goes too slow by far,
They took a month to make a trip,
Where now we go at break-neck clip;
And chafe at every slight delay
That holds us back upon our way.

In Grandma's time, when it was night
They used a tallow-dip for light;
But now we have electric glare
As bright as daylight, everywhere:
They used to make the candles, too,
Where now there's not a thing to do
But press a button in each room
To rid ourselves of midnight gloom.

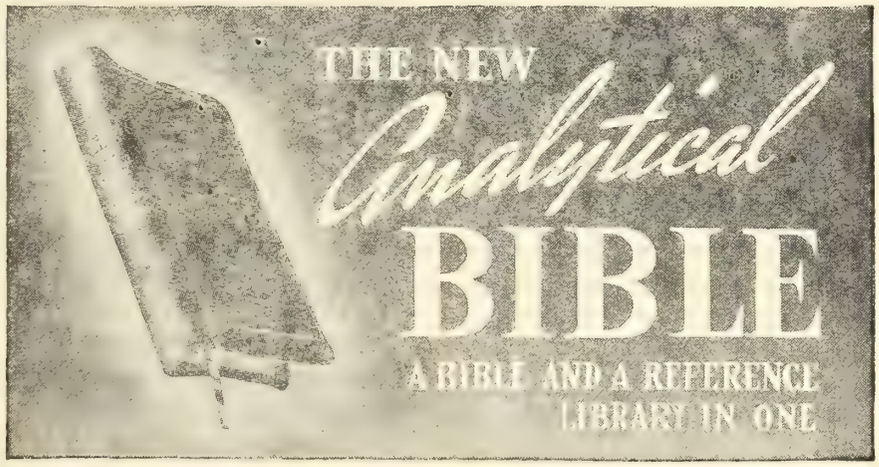
In Grandma's time the female dress
Was modest in its loveliness;
And shapely ankles were concealed,
Or blushingly by chance revealed;
But women now all seem to try
To gain the stares of passersby,
And painted cheeks and gaudy hose
Infest the parks and picture shows."

—Minneapolis Tribune
—Selected by Mrs. J. K. Ruffin

He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depth of the sea. Mic. 7: 19.

Our very frame is mixed with sin,
His Spirit makes our nature clean;
Such virtues from his sufferings flow,
At once to cleanse and pardon too.

Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1: 21.



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BIBLE TEACHINGS ON WINE'S DECEITFULNESS

(Lesson for May 23)

Lesson: Prov. 20: 1; 23: 29-35; Mat. 24: 45-51.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23: 32).

"James Lawrence was the name of a man who in the eighties conducted a saloon in Boise, Idaho, and called it 'The Naked Truth Saloon.' In an advertisement he ran in the Idaho **Democrat,** Feb. 24, 1886, he set forth the 'naked truth' about his business.

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—Selected

II. Home Work

1. What classes of people are sure not to inherit the Kingdom of God? (I Cor. 6: 9, 10).

2. How should we deal with such people if they call themselves Christians? (I Cor. 5: 11).

3. In what classification does drunkenness belong? (Gal. 5: 19-21).

4. With what should every Christian be filled instead of with wine? (Eph. 5: 18).

5. Against what sins does the Lord specially warn in view of His Return? (Lu. 21: 34-36; Rom. 13: 12, 13).

6. What is required of a servant of the Lord? (I Cor. 4: 2; II Tim. 2: 24, 25).

7. What kind of work does the Lord ask of His servants? (Lu. 12: 42; John 21: 15-17; I Pet. 5: 2).

8. What relation closer than that of servants is also enjoyed by the Christian? (John 15: 15).

9. When will the Lord give His rewards? (II Tim. 4: 8; Rev. 22: 12).

10. Is it possible to lose one's reward? (II Jn. 1: 8; I Cor. 3: 14, 15).

11. Pictures of some whom wine deceived—Gen. 9: 18-27; I Ki. 20: 16-21; Job 12: 25 with Ps. 107: 27 and Jer. 23: 9; Prov. 21: 17; 23: 20, 21; Lu. 21: 34; Rom. 13: 13; Gal. 5: 19-21; Dan. 5: 1-6, 25-28; I Cor. 10: 21; Rev. 22: 15.

12. Have any of your Sunday school class ever seen a case of delirium tremens?

In one of the translations the 33d verse of Prov. 23 is translated like this: "You will be seeing odd things; you will be saying queer words." Nobody needs any illustrations of these. We would much rather forget what we have seen and heard. But the poor folks who have delirium tremens really have a hard time getting over these queer things. A Boston doctor studied fifty-seven drunkards. Only four of them saw elephants, but one of them said that the elephant was pink. Most of them saw rats and insects. One declared a green duck was chasing him. The rest of them were literally seeking snakes.

13. P. S. to **You:** Of course you know our quarterlies have the helps you need, but don't be too **busy** to study them.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Causing A Weak Brother To Stumble

At a church meeting a discussion of temperance was taking place, and an influential clergyman arose and made a vehement argument in favor of wine. When he had resumed his seat, a layman arose, and said, "Mr. Moderator, it is not my purpose to answer the learned argument you have listened to. My arguments are more humble. I knew a father who at great inconvenience educated his son at college. The son was dissipated, but reformed and remained steady for several years. One day he was invited to dine with a neighboring clergyman. He was offered wine, but refused until he was ridiculed. That he could not stand, so he drank, and has long since found a drunkard's grave. I am the father, and it was at the table of the clergyman who has just taken his seat that my son took the fatal glass of wine!" (Read Eccl. 10: 17; Is. 28: 1; Hab. 2: 15.)—S. S. Times.

How Torrey Silenced the Heckler

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I remember one night a half drunk-

en man came into a large meeting, and asked a question.

"Dr. Torrey," he said, "since you are so mighty, could you walk on water?"

"Yes," said Dr. Torrey, and alarmed every one of us. Strange to hear such a reply. "Yes—a great deal better than I could on whiskey!"—Moody Monthly.

THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR

(Continued from page 5)

into the ministry, brother preacher, and we will keep the wolf away from your door."

Many of us will be ready to please Him who has called us to be good soldiers of the cross. Brethren, it is up to the laity if we are to be good ministers. We must have your prayers, and your financial support. God expects you to keep us on the front lines, fighting for Him.

CHRIST IN YOU TODAY

Has some one seen Christ in you today,
Christian look to your heart I pray;
The little things you have done or said,
Did they accord with the way you prayed.
Have your thoughts been pure and words been kind;
Have you sought to have the Saviour's mind,
The world with a criticising view,
Has watched but did it see Christ in you.

Has some one seen Christ in you today,
Christian look to your life I pray;
There are aching hearts and blighted souls
Being lost on sins destructive shoals;
And perhaps of Christ their only view,
May be what they see of him in you.
Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer;
Look to your light does it shine out clear.

—Selected by D. H. Williams

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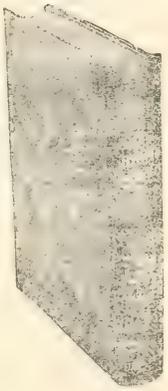

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Boys and Girls Corner

TROUPER ANSWERS A CALL

By Margot Lucile Ridge

Marcia was afraid of dogs. Every time one appeared on a neighbor's porch, she would turn and rush into the house. If one followed her along the street, she dashed madly into the first shop or house. There she waited, fearful and trembling, until one of her family came to get her. Her brother Dan thought it was about the silliest thing he had ever heard of and many times tried to cure her of it. But with no success.

"If you would only try to understand them," he would tell her. "Don't be afraid of them all. There are good ones and bad ones."

"But how do I know which are the good ones and which are the bad?" she flung back at him.

"Speak to them; if they wag their tails, they want to be friendly. If they ruffle the bristles around their necks and growl, they don't," Dan explained.

But the first time he tried to coax her to try out his plan, she turned and ran at the approach of the little terrier. "You are hopeless," Dan said.

One day a new family moved into the house three doors from Marcia and Dan. There were no children, but they had a big white dog. When it barked, the earth seemed to quiver. Needless to say, Marcia was terrified of it. She walked two blocks out of her way to school each day rather than encounter Trouper, but Dan made friends with him right away. One morning while he and Trouper were having a little visit, the lady came down the garden path.

"Good morning," Dan said, "I like your dog a whole lot. He's about the most sensible dog I ever met."

"He is a very fine, intelligent dog," the lady said. "He loves children. He misses our little son very, very much."

Dan saw tears spring into the lady's eyes and he knew that the little son was not here any more. Something made him say, "I'm sorry," in a quiet voice. "I know we would have had a lot of good times together."

"That is sweet of you," the lady told him. "Come up to the house and I will show you his things. He had so many nice playthings."

And he had, too. Dan had never seen so many toys, all bright and new looking. "He must have taken good care of his toys," he observed, picking up a shiny trumpet that looked as if it had been taken out of the store the day before.

"Yes, he did. Robbie was very careful of his toys. He wanted to keep them nice so that other children could use them when he had outgrown them."

Dan did not say anything but he kept looking at the trumpet in his hand.

"Would you like to have that horn?" the lady asked gently. "Robbie would be glad for you to have it, I know."

"Oh, I'd love it. Thank you!" beamed Dan.

When he told Marcia about his visit, she said, "If only it weren't for that horrid dog, I would go over and meet the nice lady."

"That dog isn't horrid, Marcia: why he's simply wonderful!"

"Oh, yes?" scoffed his sister.

One Saturday, not long afterward, Dan took Marcia for a hike. They took a lunch and set out for the foothills. It took them only a short time to get there, but it was such an interesting place that they felt they were in another world. One of the most interesting things about the foothills at this point was a cavern. It was quite deep and Dan had never ventured down into it. But to-day the sun was shining and it seemed a pity not to explore it. Marcia followed her brother through the passage way and among the rocks. What a lot of fun it was to pretend they were lost. But, when after a half hour they did not seem to be getting anywhere, just walking through a maze of little aisles, it seemed anything but funny, at least to Marcia.

"Father and Mother will come and get us," she said, shivering.

"Maybe," Dan said carelessly, "but how can they find us? I didn't leave any note telling them where we were going."

Marcia groaned. For a long time the two children hunted frantically for the entrance to the cavern, but even Dan had to admit they were getting nowhere. They sat down to rest and Marcia began to cry a little.

"Now, see here, Marce, you mustn't give up like that," her brother told her. "We may have to stay here all night!"

That made her sit up straight. "All night!" she cried. "Oh, Dan, I'll die of fright if we do. Why, there may be wolves!"

"Or dogs," muttered Dan, grinning.

"Dan Desmond! Don't you dare joke at such a time" she stormed. Suddenly Dan raised the trumpet he had slung over his shoulder.

"Why didn't we think of this before? I'll blow as hard as I can; maybe someone will hear us and come to our rescue."

"Oh, Dan, blow hard, harder than you ever blew in all your life!"

He lifted the horn to his lips and blew one, two, three notes, then waited. In a few minutes he repeated the call.

"Now what do we do?" asked Marcia.

"Just wait, I guess." Dan answered.

They waited. It seemed a long, long time. But suddenly they heard scratching sounds, then several loud rumbling woofs! Marcia screamed and covered her face with her hands as Trouper came dashing down a corridor toward them. Right up to Dan he came frisking and licking his hands.

"Good old Trouper, he came to the

rescue all right!" Dan said, while Marcia cowered in a corner.

"Don't be silly, Sis, he has come to help us," he said. "It's the least you can do to act a bit grateful. Here, pat his head."

After coaxing until he was about ready to give up in disgust, Dan finally got Marcia to reach out and touch Trouper's head. Why, it was soft as silk! And he did not do a thing but roll his big brown eyes sorrowfully at her and whine a bit. By and by Marcia would touch him without Dan holding her hand.

"See, he wants to be friendly," he told her. "He wouldn't hurt a fly."

"Well, he is rather nice and he did come when you blew on that horn."

"Yes, that's the nicest thing about a dog, he never forgets. I just know he thought it was Robbie blowing for him," Dan said earnestly. "And even if Robbie has been gone three years, Trouper didn't forget. Well, we may as well start home."

"How can we?"

"He will guide us," Dan said. "Come on, Trouper. Home, take us home."

Up jumped the big dog and wagged his tail jauntily as if he wanted to say, "I'm ready when you are."

Dan and Marcia followed as he led them through the maze of trails and before they knew it, they were right at the entrance where, only a few hours ago, they had started to explore the cavern.

"That was a sort of frightful experience," Dan said on the way home.

"But it cured me, Dan, I don't think I will ever be afraid of a friendly dog again. It seems so silly."

Dan grinned. "That's what I've been trying to tell you."

"But it took Trouper to show me," his sister said smiling, and neither Dan nor Trouper acted the least bit like it had all been planned for a long, long time! But it had.—The Junior's Friend.

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THE HOUR OF PRAYER

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes
Cordova, Alabama

"The Lord is night unto all them that call upon him" (Ps. 145: 18).

It is a wonderful thought to know that we call upon God at any time or from any place in the world. We do not have to be in any particular place, or have any special time, but any time, any place God is night unto all those who call upon Him. His ear is ever open to hear His dear children's cry for mercy. Is not this a precious truth?

Paul and Silas prayed at midnight in the old Philippian jail, and God heard from heaven, and sent an earthquake, and unlocked the old prison doors. "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately the doors were loosed" (Acts 16: 25, 26). No place can be improper, no time unreasonable for prayer. No prison or prison bars can bolt out God or deprive us of our communion with Him. Prayer will ascend to heaven in spite of all opposition. . . . (Something left out by composer.—Editor.)

Notice the efficacy of Paul's prayer: His prayer shook the heavens; the heavens shook the earth; and the earth shook the prison, even to its foundation. Prayer has a divine omnipotency in it. If the Christian people of America would pray as they should, we would see one of the greatest revivals of history. We would see men, women and children who are shackled by sin, and held fast in the stocks, set free by the power of God. We would witness a mighty spiritual earthquake in our nation, and other nations would feel it, too. "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7: 14).

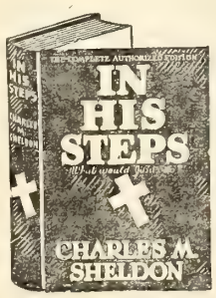
Do you know of anything more needed in America than a revival of prayer? A revival of prayer among progressive Christians would bring about a revival of salvation among sinners. Let those of us who profess to be His followers begin a revival of prayer in our own lives, and plead with God to show others the extreme need of such in their lives. If our nation does not establish the family altar, and humble itself before God instead of bending her knees to the world, we may expect such conditions as exist in Europe today. Any nation that forgets God will bring upon its people divine judgment. God will not always chide, neither will He keep His anger forever. We cannot continue to defy God in our words and acts, and expect Him to continue His favors toward us as He has shown in the past. Let us pray for a revival of prayer, because prayer changes things. Dear ones, this is our only hope and remedy for our deliverance.

Pray, pray, in the old-time way,
Come Christian, gather round;
Pray, pray, as they used to pray,
When the power of God came down.

In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Psa. 27: 5.

In His Steps

By Charles M. Sheldon



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—Devotional by J. B. Ferrell
—Welcome by T. Renfrow
—Response by Miss Dorothy Brantley
—Remarks by moderator and appointment of committee
—Reading and approving minutes
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by J. Frank Parrish
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song by congregation
—Devotional by B. B. Richardson
—Business session
—Roll call of churches
—Report of treasurer
—Report of committee
—Petition for next meeting
—Song by congregation
3:00—Adjournment

By the committee:
Mrs. Nade E. Strickland,
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REVIVAL AT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

We, the Free Will Baptists of the Columbus F. W. B. Church, were very fortunate indeed this year in having the Reverend J. W. Alford, of Kenly, North Carolina, to conduct our revival meeting.

The opening service of the meeting began on Sunday morning, May 2, at the eleven o'clock hour, and continued through Sunday night, May the ninth. Brother Alford brought some very forceful messages, and it will take time and eternity to tell just how much good was accomplished.

All the Columbus people really fell in love with Brother Alford. R. R. Crossley had charge of the song services, which were enjoyed by everyone. Special music was arranged for each service. The services were broadcast over radio station W. C. B. I. The people of Columbus are praying for Brother Alford, and are wishing him much success in the Lord's work.

E. K. Brown

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EDITORIAL

Unions and Special Offerings—

On Saturday, May 29, the District Union meetings of the Free Will Baptist denomination (Quarterly meetings so-called in some states) will convene, according to custom, for Christian fellowship, the conducting of spiritual devotions, and for business transactions pertaining to the work of the kingdom of God. These religious gatherings have their significance and meaning in the life of the church as whole.

In many instances, for example, large crowds of church people customarily attend these gatherings to enjoy this Christian fellowship, and to enter into the spiritual devotions to Almighty God. In fact, much good has been derived, through the passing years, on the part of the churches as a whole through the interest which has been shown by the ministers and the church people in general. Discussions of important matters of the denominational work, as a whole, and the good of the churches locally have resulted from these worthwhile meetings. As a consequence, much good has been accomplished for the cause of righteousness.

We believe, in view of these facts, that greater emphasis should be placed at this particular time of the great crisis of the world's history, upon the work of the Union (Quarterly) meetings in every district now than ever before, because there is certainly great need of strengthening every phase of the work of the church for the cause of Christ in the world. In truth, they should be able to stimulate, through worthwhile discussions of vital church problems, among the local churches composing their ristrict. Both the pastors and the church people might be greatly aroused—stimulated to put forth greater efforts in their churches for advanced improvements—by the Unions setting forth new interest and greater concern, on the part of the ministers, the delegates, and the church people in general who attend them, for new and better church achievements.

During the coming sessions of the Unions on May 29, special discussions and great emphasis should be placed upon the making liberal offerings from their treasuries to the leading phases of the religious work, namely, Christian education, Missions (both home and foreign), Superannuation, Orphanage work, etc. In North Carolina, for example, Christian education is to be stressed during the month of June, and the Union meetings are especially requested to contribute liberally throughout the State to this one phase of the work of the church when they convene on May 29. Several thousand dollars should be raised on that date by the Union meetings of the denomination for the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. It is certainly a worthy cause of the church, and deserves all the financial support possible for the advancement of the work which it is seeking to do to build a greater school for the education of Christian workers of the denomination.

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Revivals and Soul-Winning—

With the coming of warm weather, the revival season, in many sections of the country at least, has begun. Some good reports are already coming to us of the good meetings which are being held in some churches. And we believe greater stress will be placed this season on Soul-Saving by the evangelists who go about holding revival meetings this summer. It is observed by some that the consecrated church people are growing more zealous about the salvation of the youth in the church communities over the country. In fact, many church people are seeing now more than ever the great need of the young people coming to Christ. And this is, by no means, confined to the youth, because there are thousands of adult people who need the atoning blood of Jesus to be applied to their sinful hearts. Churches all over the land need to have a great spiritual awakening enkindled among their membership by putting on great revival campaigns for the reviving of the church, and the salvation of the lost.

America is standing in need of a great spiritual awakening, both in the towns and the cities, as well as in the rural sections of the country. It is generally agreed now that the people are standing in need of a closer walk with God day by day during these critical times. They should, therefore, welcome the coming of great revivals in their churches, and do all they can, through their prayers and sacred devotions to Almighty God, to help bring about a great awakening in spiritual matters among all the people in their communities. May the consecrated people of the Lord pray much for the revivals this summer that God might work mightily with His Holy Spirit to enable the evangelists to win great harvests of lost souls to the throne of grace. May there be brought about a great spiritual wave sweeping over the land to draw America closer to God, and into His kingdom of righteousness.

The young men who are away from home in the service of their country are realizing, as they had never realized before, the great need of God and His wonderful presence with them in these trying hours of their lives. They are writing freely back home to friends and loved ones, stating the need of prayer for themselves and for the whole world. They are insisting that those of us, who are at home are free to exercise our Christian influence upon others, be deeply in earnest about the salvation of the lost. Certainly, the type of victory all God-loving people want is victory over sin and Satan. And with this victory won, this world conflict would soon cease, and peace would be restored to the races of men.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8: 14.

Interest Growing in Cuba

By Thomas H. Willey

I would that it were possible for each of you who read this to grasp some idea of the task that confronts us as a church. So great has the burden become on our native boys and myself as your field director, that I have not been able to find time to write an article until this moment for our papers, simply because I am in the saddle day and night. This past month by horse back I have tried to reach the forty two preaching points we have, but it was impossible to reach anywhere near half of them, preaching every night and sometimes twice a day in a different station. Estimating the number of miles traveled by horse back alone, we find that it was over 194 miles. We entered towns and valleys where the Gospel had never been preached and the Bible is an unknown book, still there are hundreds of valleys and communities in which we have not entered. Sad to say, this condition exists only 95 miles from the United States. These people live in poverty, the like of which I cannot describe to you. Saddest of all, they are impoverished for the lack of the Word of God. Not a single Methodist or Baptist representative, or any other church, has ever preached a single Gospel message in some of these parts.

I want you to share with us in the initial trip into two of the new fields. The first La palma, one of our workers, a widow, Maxima Sanchez had been visiting her relatives which consist of very large families and among them has had some definite conversions. To follow up those contacts, Pedro Oliva and I went to this town which is a country seat. There we met many hungry people with hearts open for the message. Arriving in the town we met a school teacher who manifested his desire to know the Gospel and he wanted to help us to publish it. He presented us to all the leading people of the town and procured a hall for a service. After a brief announcement of the service the place was crowded with people who were interested to hear. After the message, to ascertain the extent of the message upon the people, we made our proposition as to how many wanted to accept these teachings and the Christ as their Saviour. Every hand was raised, and they came to us after the service, begging us to return soon. Service over, we rode all night, arriving early in the morning at Vinales.

Since that first trip we have rented a house and have had a number of definite conversions. The third trip I made back with our Bible woman, and we opened five definite preaching points around La Palma. On the last trip one old country man and his whole family were converted. He has two daughters who are school teachers and they are truly converted and starting to teach the Word of God. The old man is a large property owner, having something like a thousand acres of land, and he has turned over to us a large center for a Gospel station. In all this "turminis" with over 50,000 people, we are the only Protestant church, and this lone widow is responsible for people who are in abject ignorance of the Word of God.

Last week we entered another large section and established a center in the mining district of Matahambre. The American officials received us cordially and gave us permission to preach once a month. We have here three new preaching points. We are faced with a ministry that angles might envy were they guilty of that vice.

Another field to the extreme tip of the island has been much on my heart because of the continued pleas that come to visit and to send workers there. Over five thousand people are grouped together easily accessible with a good horse. Two men walked over forty miles and with tears in their eyes, and begged me to send them a teacher. I received another letter yesterday and again today from a man who wants me to come and preach in his district. What shall we do with these who reach out their hands for the Gospel? Shall we put into those empty hands a cold promise to come? This remains with you, as our people, to answer as to whether we shall let them sit in darkness or send them teachers of the way of life.

We are making plans to meet you, our people at the National Association in July. The Board has invited us to come home, and God permitting, we hope to present the great needs of this wide open field for the Gospel.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I have been too busy for the last week or two to write to the dear old Baptist paper. But I am thinking that perhaps quite a few people may have read Revelation 21: 16, and wondered just how large the holy Jerusalem is; that is, how many yards or miles square it is. We Americans generally speak in terms of feet, yards, rods and miles when we are speaking of distance.

We understand from reading Rev. 21: 16 that the city is square with twelve thousand furlongs to each side. If I remember correctly, it takes eigh furlongs to make one mile, so we divide the twelve thousand furlongs by the figure 8, and we find the city is fifteen hundred miles square.

We don't know how large hell is, but we have read some where in the Scripture that, "hell hath enlarged itself and opened its mouth without measure." That is good proof that there will be a vast congregation going in through the wide gate.

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Wonder how many of us are always wanting a sign from the Lord so we will be sure he will do what he has promised. Read Judges 6: 17 for

Gideon's request for the first sign, and verse 21 for the sign that was given. Now read verse 37 for Gideon's second request for a sign. And verse 38 for the answer.

Yet Gideon was not satisfied and asked for the third sign in verse 39, while verse 40 gives the answer to the sign. We often speak of doubting Thomas who would not believe Christ had arisen from the dead until he could put his fingers in the nailprints, etc. But Thomas did not doubt after he saw Christ one time. I think I have seen some people who want signs from the Lord, so they can rest assured he will fulfill his promises. The Jews wanted a sign in Christ's day. Christ told them the sign of the prophet Jonas (or Jonah) was all the sign they would get. We are commanded in the Scripture to let our "yea (aye) be aye and our nay be nay." Someone has paraphrased it thus, "let our word be our bond."

Let us not tempt the Lord by asking for signs, but take Him at His word, then we will find Him just as able to fulfill each promise as He would be to give us some miraculous sign.

P. S.—I would like to say, why is it Rev. W. L. Jernigan, and lots of the other good preachers don't write some articles to the Baptist?

A NEGRO'S PRAYER

D. T. Curd, of Cave City, Kentucky, submitted this old Negro prayer.

"Oh, Lawd, give Thy servant dis mawnin' de eye of de eagle and de wisdom of de owl; connect his soul with de gospel-teleform in de central skies; 'luminate his brow with de sun of heaven; saturate his heart with love for de people; turpentine his 'magination; grease his lips with 'possum; loosen him with de sledge hammer of Thy power; l'ectrify his brain with de lightnin' of Thy Word; put 'petual motion in his arms; fill him plum full of de dynamite of glory; 'noint him all over with de kerosene oil of salvation and sot him on fire! Amen."

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary State Association of North Carolina

Christian Education

June is almost here. In North Carolina this is special Educational Month. That is, this is the month that the State Association set aside, designated as the time to specialize in OFFERINGS for Christian Education. So, every organized Sunday School class, every Sunday School, every auxiliary, every church, together with all members, as far as possible, should make an offering.

We have a Bible School now that is going. It will go as we support it, and no farther. North Carolina is well represented with students, who have gone from our state. Let us make this the greatest month ever for Christian Education.

Too, the Women's Auxiliary of North Carolina is sponsoring what is known as the ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND. This work makes it possible for worthy students who desire to obtain loans to attend school to secure the same on better conditions than they could from other loan concerns. So, here is a good place to cooperate—A Bible School and a Loan Fund. Why should any worthy boy or girl fail? Why should any good hearted Free Will Baptist fail the SCHOOL or fail the FUND?

Union Meetings

Again, we call to the attention of the Union meetings in North Carolina to make special appropriations in the May meeting for Foreign Missions and Christian Education.

Questions and Answers

I often ask those, whom I pick up for a ride on the highway, and there are many who are "thumbing" always "Are you a Christian?" And to this question I have many answers. One young man, I asked the question said, "No, I am a Baptist." Well, I learned that there were two churches in his community, and one of these was a Christian church, and the other a Free Will Baptist church. So, he left off the "Free Will" and used the term "Baptist." Another, I asked said, "Well, not exactly." And I had some to say, "I'm a member of the church," thus giving the name of the denomination. But, I had a young soldier some time ago, that did not know anything at all about the church and salvation. He said, "I believe that my mother belongs to some religious order, but I do not know what, for I have never been in a church meeting of any kind." This was shocking, when I learned that there was a man grown and in the service of his country, and had never been inside a meeting house of any kind. Yet we have such right here in America. Mostly these come from the large cities, but not always, for we find that some come from the rural districts. We often ask ourselves the question,

"Who Is To Blame?"

There are millions of lost souls in the country who have never had a personal invitation, or heard a prayer for their personal salvation. Some of these souls have had parents who were members of some of the Christian churches. I spoke to a young lady some time ago and she replied, "Mr. Griffin, you are the first person who ever spoke to me about my soul." This young woman, a fine girl too, from a good home, and the parents of whom were members of the church, had never had an invitation from her own parents. Had never heard them pray for her salvation. Oh, how many are there in the world just like this. We tell them about material things. We sent them to school and educate them. We prepare bank accounts, stocks and bonds, settle them off in homes, even strive to get them fixed in those things that "pass away," and neglect their precious souls. May God open our eyes, as professed children of his, to the most important thing—THE SALVATION OF OUR CHILDREN. Fathers and Mothers, ARE YOU GUILTY OF NEGLECTING THE SALVATION OF YOUR OWN CHILDREN? It may be that your neglect will be the means of your son or daughter going down to a DEMON'S HELL. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

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THE OUTLOOK FOR OUR BIBLE COLLEGE

On May 28, the Free Will Baptist Bible College will close out its first year of history. As we look back over this year and count the blessings that we have enjoyed, our hearts overwhelm us with gratitude. Surely God hath been good to us.

We do not say that there have not been mistakes made during this first year or that everything has been perfect, but we do fully believe that mistakes have been kept to a minimum, and God in His mercy and grace has overruled in every instance. We can say that all in all it has been a most glorious year.

It has been inspiring to watch from day to day the growth and development in the lives of our students. To know that these fine young men and women in a short time will be taking their places in the work of our church gives a most encouraging outlook for our denomination. We have kept before us constantly the great responsibility that rests upon us. We know that this institution, in the space of a few years, will be influencing our entire denomination, and what we are in this school will determine what our denomination will be. Therefore, we have felt the need of putting first things first that out from this institution might go sane, intelligent, capable, spirit-filled men and women to herald forth the message of Christ to a lost world.

We come to the end of this first year with our conscience clear. We have tried to put Christ first in all things. We believe to do this that we must work. That, we have done. We have realized that we have, more or less, been on trial before our people throughout the different states. We have realized more than this, that we are stewards of the money, time, and prayers that our people have invested in this institution. To have failed would have destroyed the confidence that has been built up among our people; to have failed would have destroyed the purpose that God has for this institution, to have failed would have blasted the hopes of many young men and women who are looking this way for training; to have failed would have meant another opportunity missed for our church to take its proper place as an evangelistic denomination. Thanks be unto the Lord, we do not have to fail when we serve an unfailing Lord! To Him we offer honor and praise for all our accomplishments.

The outlook is bright for our school. The other morning in chapel I had all the students who plan to come back another year to sign their names on pieces of paper and hand them to me. Every student signed his name and handed it to me with the statement that He planned to be back next year. This is an indication that our students are well satisfied with the training that they are receiving. Each one feels that God definitely led him to this school. We have recently sent out communications to about thirty-five other fine young men and women of our denomination who have expressed an interest in coming here to school. Every few days brings us new prospective students. There seems to be a general awakening among our people along educational lines. In fact, it seems that we may have more students another year than we will

know what to do with. Therefore, we are urging those who are making definite plans to come to let us know at the earliest possible date so that we can make some arrangements to care for them when they arrive.

From the financial standpoint we could not have asked for the response to have been better. Through our people God has supplied our every need. We have no doubts about the future. God has made us certain that if we honor Him, He will honor us. We want you to pray with us that we will always honor Him in this institution and that this will be a center of Christian testimony.

We have recently published a college bulletin that we will gladly send to anyone interested in receiving one. If you are interested in attending the Free Will Baptist Bible College and feel that God would have you come here for training, we would appreciate hearing from you.

L. C. Johnson, President,
Free Will Baptist Bible College

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CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE LEEDS, ALABAMA

June 7-18, 1943

Among the great states of the South is the State of Alabama. It is great because of its geographic situation, its climate, its industries, and its people; but most of all because of its religion. And after all, there is no factor or potency which more vitally affects the life of a people than does their religion. Religion is the highest exercise of the soul in quest of God, and those who through God's perseverance and their own persistence have emerged by the light of the Scriptures into His fullness are destined to rule the world. They are now in Jesus Christ, their light. Among these are about twenty thousand Free Will Baptists in Alabama. How great is their light! How mighty their power!

The Christian Workers' Institute is committed to the hope of a revival through teaching the Word, witnessing for Jesus, and communing with the saints. It is in this interest that this second session of the Institute is to be held in Alabama. That fellowship which is essential to power among all Christian bodies is greatly needed among Free Will Baptists, and this training school affords it as nothing we have found. Our general associational meetings are too soon over and too much occupied with business to admit of those heart-searching discourses at Jesus' feet.

The town of Leeds, Alabama, is situated nineteen miles east of Birmingham on the Bankhead highway, and those traveling by bus or automobile will find no difficulty in locating the town and the Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend William R. Ryland is Pastor and will be on the grounds to show every courtesy to students and visitors.

Applications for enrollment should be sent, with the required registration fee of one dollar, to the Pastor of Leeds church at the earliest possible date. Reservations for lodging will thereupon be made in the homes of the gracious members of the host church. **Everyone is requested to bring his ration stamps, in order that food may be pooled sufficient for the required meals.** It is estimated by brother Ryland that the cost of board will be approximately one dollar per day. Should it be less only the actual cost will be required. The host church and Pastor are making every essential preparation for the comfort of the faculty and student body, and it is hoped that this second session in Alabama may mark the beginning of a great spiritual awakening among the people of our beloved denomination there.

Description of Courses

The courses of study offered in the Christian Workers' Institute have been arranged in four groups. Upon the completion of any single group, however, a certificate will be granted the student; and, for the completion of the four groups of courses, a normal diploma will be awarded. Each group of courses offered may be finished in a session of two weeks.

BIBLE DOCTRINE. This course will treat on the doctrine of the Trinity, with special emphasis on the person and mission of Christ, the personality, office, and work of the Holy Spirit, together with the doctrines of salvation and the Church. The method of treatment will not be systematic, except as applied to the specific teachings of the Word of God. The student will find this course to comprehend much of that great volume of Christian thought and faith which is essential to stability in personal life and efficiency in service.

BIBLICAL SURVEY. The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the Bible as a whole. An examination of both the Old and New Testaments with a view to recognizing their inter-relationship, literary, and historic importance will receive attention. How we come in possession of our Bible, and on what ground we may be assured of its inspiration and authorship is considered.

EVANGELISM. Soul winning is the privilege of every Christian, and no minister or church worker may be considered efficient, evangelistic, or truly faithful who disregards his obligation to the lost. In this course the student will receive vital training in the use of the Bible in personal, pastoral, and professional evangelism. He will be taught how to deal with various classes of unsaved people.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE. This course deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons and gospel addresses. The subject will be presented simply, but with a thoroughness sufficient to meet a universal need among ministers and Christian workers who have not had the advantage of homiletical training.

MISSIONS. The course in missions is considered of major importance. The subject is treated under four separate headings, and will run throughout all four sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute. In the first session the biblical background of missions will be studied; in the second session brief outlines in worldwide missions will be reviewed; in the third session Free Will Baptists in

(See **National News** page 11)

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*

Middlesex, N. C. Greenville, Tenn.

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Address_____"

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CASH AND BONDS SENT IN FOR CHAPEL DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1943

Sweet Gum Grove church by J. A. Tyson	$ 18.50
Woodington Church	18.50
Stancil's Chapel	18.50
Corinth Church	18.50
C. A. Fitzgerald	75.00
Friendship S. S., Johnston Co.	5.30
Casey's Chapel L. A. S.	20.00
Jr. Dept. St. Mary's church, Eastern	20.00
Greenville L. A. S.	20.00
Malachi's Chapel L. A. S.	20.00
Arapahoe Church	18.92
Holly Springs S. S. (Western)	3.00
St. John's L. A. S. (Wayne Co.)	20.00
Lockhart S. S.	20.00
Ayden L. A. S.	1.00
Howell Swamp L. A. S.	5.00
Rose Hill L. A. S.	1.00
Central Auxiliary Convention	63.00
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Eastern)	20.00
Rose Hill Church (Central)	3.50
Hickory Grove Church	20.00
Belhaven S. S.	5.01
Duke Endowment	2,290.20
Dublin Grove Miss. Society	5.00
Wintergreen S. S.	15.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	1.00
Leonard Cooper	.50
Sale of farm receipts	44.70
Albemarle Aux. Convention	20.00
Albemarle L. A. S.	5.00
Pvt. Alton E. Dail	2.00
Rocky Mount S. S.	6.52
Davis S. S.	7.50
Parker's Chapel S. S.	5.50
Micro L. A. S.	20.00
Pee Dee Convention	16.65
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr.	20.00
Wilson S. S.	11.00
Refund, J. A. Glover	4.45
Mt. Zion S. S. (Eastern)	4.06
Marsh Swamp Church (Western)	5.00
White Oak (Pee Dee)	9.97
Shearon Acres Miss. Society	20.00
Morehead City S. S.	7.00
Coles Chapel	20.00
Kinston S. S.	11.00
Wardens Grove S. S.	7.35
Free Union L. A. S. (Central)	10.00
Core Creek S. S.	16.10
George Webster	50.00
Smithfield Church	25.98
Western Aux. Convention	37.22
Goldsboro S. S.	14.87
Mrs. Esther Williams	30.00
Union Chapel L. A.	20.00
Farm Receipts	57.75
Cedar Hill S. S.	5.25
Bear Creek S. S.	10.00
Sun Beam Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel	20.00
Moseley's Creek L. A. S.	8.19
Mrs. Archie Willoughby	20.00
Saratoga Church	20.00
Stancil's Chapel S. S.	6.00
Leonard Cooper	.50
Swannanoa L. A. S.	20.00
Farm receipts	80.00
School Lunch Room	6.70
Refund	354.00
Wilson County Welfare Dept. (Ira Lamn)	20.00
Hugo S. S.	10.00
Kinston L. A. S.	20.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	3.00
Farm receipts	45.90
Sound View S. S.	5.00
Low Gap Church	15.00
Cape Fear Aux. Convention	31.65
W. S. Williams	5.00
Cabin Auxiliary	8.85
Mt. Tabor Church	20.00
Rocky Pass S. S.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Roberts	5.00
Sidney Church	11.72
Shady Grove L. A. S.	20.00
Farm receipts	9.45
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Oak Grove L. A. S. (Pee Dee)	20.00
Piney Grove Church, Johnston	3.53
Winterville L. A. S.	5.00
Sibyl Robinson	7.00
Sneads Ferry S. S.	1.19
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Winterville S. S.	5.50
LaGrange S. S.	3.00
Friendship Church	15.40
Union Chapel Church	10.10
Union Chapel S. S.	5.47
Greenville S. S.	14.83
Sale of farm receipts	10.80
Edgemont Miss. Society	5.00
Pleasant Plain S. S.	18.23
St. John's Chapel	8.46
Sale of farm receipts	102.35
Juniper Chapel	8.50
Farm receipts	41.80
Grimsley's L. A. S.	10.00
Rains X Roads Church	15.25
Mt. Zion L. A. S. Nash County	7.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	8.00
Pilgrim's Rest S. S.	3.00
Sweet Gum Grove Church by J. A. Tyson	18.50
Pleasant Grove L. A. S., Wayne County	5.00
Friendship S. S., Johnston Co.	6.80
Gum Neck S. S.	5.00
Mrs. Guy M. Carraway	5.00
Rose Hill L. A. S., Pitt Co.	25.00
Rose Hill Church, Central	14.00
LaGrange L. A. S.	10.00
Woodington Church	18.50
Stancil's Chapel Church	18.50
Corinth Church	18.50
C. A. Fitzgerald	75.00
Free Union Leagues, Beaufort Co.	1.75
Farm receipts	28.56
Total	$4,479.78

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

First Week

St. Paul	$ 26.50
Oak Grove (Sampson Co.)	30.80
Shady Grove	52.44
Roberts Grove	38.00
Corinth	59.00
Lee's Chapel	52.75
Total	$259.49

Second Week

West Clinton	$ 21.55
Sandy Grove	23.70
Entwistle	58.74
Mt. Moriah	40.41
Oak Grove (Bladen Co.)	76.00
Hickory Grove	100.00
Bethlehem	8.25
White Oak	140.35
Total	$469.00

P. S. The Second week's report is the highest we have on record for the past three years.

James A. Evans, Superintendent

THE NEED OF ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE

By B. E. Coxwell

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jon. 3: 16).

Most all of the people here in these United States are a believing people in a way. They are not all ignorant people, and they have most all their lives believed in God, or that there is a God in existence. They believe in the great unseen power, but still some have a fear or doubt in their minds. They hear so very many who differ in their opinions; some teaching one thing and others teaching something else. Some claim that God did not create man, while others say Christ will come and live here with the people a thousand years, and that all people will have another chance to do good.

What a shame that some will even doubt the goodness of God. The Devil has blinded the eyes of some people, and has given them a doubting mind. He has great power and is wise in his ways to tempt people to do things contrary to God's holy will. Too many people are easy to give way to his alluring devices, to lust after the flesh and the pride of life. They do not keep God between them and Satan. Read Job and see how he tried him. See what he did for Samson, Adam and Eve. Peter even tried to tempt our Saviour, knowing that he was then in the flesh. Satan will try to tempt us. He is tempting people every day.

God has great power and He will rule the heavens. He will give justice to everyone in due time as it pleases Him. I am so thankful of the wisdom He has given his people in and through the great Spirit. I know Christ and believe in Him without any shadow of a doubt, but without the discerning of the Spirit our belief is weak. Even the Devil believed and trembled, for he knows that God has power over him. He knows his time is short, and therefore he is roving the country, seeking whom he may devour. And I can say that he is devouring many people in the world today.

From the way that the Bible is being fulfilled, I believe it will not be very long before the coming of the Lord. Dear people, do not believe that a half Christian and a half sinner will be excused for the way they are living. They will be judged according to the lives they have lived here in this world. In that great day, they must have on a full suit, the Wedding Garment, or else the angels will pass them by un-noticed. The great God of heaven will know what they have done, so they need not keep a record. He keeps the record of everyone of us day by day. All you will need to do is to keep yourself unspotted from the world. God will then see after your case with all the justice in his power. It is, therefore, for everyone to turn to Him and live, and not trust to mistakes. Read Christ's teachings and follow Him day by day.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
B. E. Coxwell

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ATTENTION!

Pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference are requested especially to attend the Sunday School Convention, at Blackjack Church in Pitt County, which convenes on May 30. We need your prayers and presence. We are depending on you for your help.

The convention will start at eleven o'clock, so you may attend your local Sunday School, and your teachers and officers will have time to arrive on time for the convention. We have some important business to be discussed. All officers, teachers and those who are planning to fill these places, we need your cooperation in this convention, as plans are to be formed for doing some constructive work.

Think much and pray more that we will be willing to do our part in this great work for our Master.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

CAN WE TITHE IN HARD TIMES?

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*
40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

A MESSAGE TO ALL SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTS

As the National Second Vice-President, I am the Director of the Free Will Baptist young people. My tasks are set before me in my title. May this acrostic also help each of you!

D—I will depend upon God. I study the Auxiliary Manual (15c, order from Monett, Mo., or Ayden, N. C., and "Working with our Youth," 25c). I reread these two books often. I do this in preparation, but I DEPEND upon God, after I do all that I can to be ready. I expect the support of my auxiliary; but beyond human co-operation and personal study, I depend upon God's power. Like David, "I trust in Thee."

I—I want to develop more INTEREST among the women everywhere in behalf of the young people throughout the whole world. So, as director of young people, I am the link between the young people's organization and our Women's Auxiliary.

R—Reminds me to meet regularly with the auxiliaries. If I am the district or state second vice-president, I should visit each organization under my supervision at least once each quarter, in person if possible; if not surely by letter that often.

E—Says ENLIST helpers for each organization called for F. W. B. young people. They should be in love with MISSIONS and thoroughly consecrated to Christ. In selecting them advise with the young people and pastor and executive committee of the women's auxiliary in order to secure the most acceptable leadership possible. I try never to make the mistake of telling them there will not be much to do because there is, and God cannot use leaders who are looking for easy places.

C—CONFER with second vice presidents elsewhere. COMPARE plans and work done, exchange ideas for Mission study classes, Stewardship education, personal service, and all other phases of activity for young people's auxiliaries.

T—TEACHES that I must serve TACTFULLY, persuading by love to larger service for Christ.

O—Suggests ORIGINALITY, which I may not have, but I can watch our F .W. B. papers, missionary magazines, mission and stewardship books for ideas and adapt then to my situation.

R—Ends the work with REPORTING regular to the Women's Auxiliary at every business meeting so that the mothers and other women of the auxiliary will know what their young people have been doing. In this way interest in MISSIONARY Education of young people will grow. Also this "R" reminds me as your National Chairman of Christian Education to remind you to reread your 1943 Year Book, pages 50-57, and pages 98-104, and above all study "Working with our Youth," which is a study course prepared by our own auxiliary literature department just for us second vice-president, and which can be ordered from Monett, Mo.

Have you carried out to the very best of your ability the PLAN of WORK suggested for all second vice-presidents this convention year? This Plan of Work you can find on page 62, part V, in the 1942 National Association Minutes.

Last, but by no means least, let this "R" remind you to get a report of all you have been able to do this year, little or much, in before our National convention meets. When I get to Nashville, Tenn., next July, I shall go directly to our National President who should have reports from all state, district, or local auxiliaries. On these report blanks from all state, district or local second vice-president's statistical report. Other items that your auxiliaries have done that will help the cause to advance, or inspire others to larger service, please report that directly to me. We want our Christian Education report in July to be A-1. With God's help, I mean to be as good second vice-president as I may be capable of being. Will you do this? Then let us be laborers together in carrying out the Great Commission which is our Mission as directors of the FREE WILL BAPTIST young people and report these results for the information as well as the inspiration of those who are to come after us. May we count on every second vice-president to do her very best; and, if I can serve you in any way, will you call on me?

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Opal Bingham,
National Second V. P.,
833 N. Utica,
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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PROGRAM

The Ladies Auxiliary of the 4th union district of the Central Conference to be held at Ottis Creek, fifth Sunday in May, 1943, (war time).

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
—Welcome address by Mrs. Emma Owens
—Response by Mrs. C. D. Hamilton
—Song by congregation and collection for the orphanage
11:30—Sermon by Rev. M. E. Tyson
12:15—Appointment of committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Mrs. C. F. Abrams
1:45—An address by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. (She is to choose her own topic)
2:25—Business period
—Program by Daniel's Chapel
—Report of various committees and adjournment

Committee:

L. B. Davis,
A. L. Summerlin,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen

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modern missions will be considered; and in the fourth session the recent awakening and present program of Foreign Missions will receive attention. Our Missionary to India, Miss Laura B. Barnard, is the author of this course.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORGANIZATION. The subject matter presented in this course is contained in the minutes of Free Will Baptist organizations, and in the unwritten customs and traditions of the denomination. Special attention will be given to the variations of customs and practices of local churches and general bodies. The purpose of this course is to bring about uniformity in organization, practices, and program.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE. The prominence of youth in modern society lays upon all Christian bodies grave responsibilities. Practically all vocations demand trained men and women. This course is offered in response to a widely recognized need for trained workers in all departments of the church.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. Evangelical denominations have been spared the reproach of retrenchment, if not a collapse, as a result of the devotion and missionary passion of their women. Women's Auxiliary is comparatively new to our present generation of Free Will Baptist women; but, it is nevertheless the most highly perfected organization in the denomination. There is however need of uniformity and simplification. This course is designed to inspire and inform pastors of the possibilities of Auxiliary work, and to give essential instruction to women regarding the conduct of the organization.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. The Sunday School is fundamentally an evangelizing agency. The latest estimate reveals that seventy-four per cent of those who unite with the churches annually come from the Sunday School. Efficiency in administration will be the theme of this course.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts by states for month of April

Missouri	$214.29
Alabama	102.31
North Carolina	91.57
Tennessee	76.25
Oklahoma	35.83
Texas	19.00
Michigan	13.95
Kansas	7.75
South Carolina	2.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	48.20
Total	$611.15

Winford Davis, Treasurer

TAKE YOUR BURDENS TO THE LORD

If the world from you withhold
Of its silver and its gold,
And you have to get along with meager fare,
Just remember in His Word
How He feeds the little birds—
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Chorus

Leave it there, leave it there,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
If you trust and never doubt
He will surely bring you out;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

If your body suffers pain,
And your health you can't regain,
And your soul is almost singing in despair,
Jesus knows the pain you feel,
He can save and He can heal—
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

When your enemies assail,
And your heart begins to fail,
Don't forget that God in heaven answers prayer;
He will make a way for you,
He will take you safely through,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

When your youthful days are gone,
And old age is creeping on,
And your body bends beneath the weight of care
He will never leave you then,
He'll go with you to the end,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

And when mother leaves us here,
All the sorrow we must bear,
For it seems that all the friend we had is gone;
When we feel that we're alone,
Jesus takes us in His arms,
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

—Selected by Geo. Dail.

NOTICE

The Sunday School Mass Meeting, Second District, of the Western Association, which was scheduled to be held at Union Grove Church, Wayne County, first Sunday in June, **will not** be held this year. This is due to traveling difficulties which has made it impossible for the secretary to get the program committee together in order to plan program for this day. We are hoping in the near future, we may see fit to continue this Mass Meeting.

(Miss) Helen Pittman, Secretary
L. C. Edwards, President

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom 8: 16.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

PETER'S COUNSEL TO SCATTERED CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for May 30)

Lesson: 1 Pet. 1: 1; 2: 11-25. Read all of I Peter.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (1 Pet. 2: 17).

There are two meanings for the word "honour" here, and two forms of the word occur in the Greek text of the New Testament. One meaning is to prize, to set a high value upon an object, or to esteem a thing to be precious. This is the definition intended in the first statement, "Honour **all** men."

This we certainly can do! Is there anything more precious in God's sight than a human being? No matter how low may be the scale of living, how filthy and lecherous the moral condition, or how freighted with evil conduct the individual's record may be, God has set a price upon that sin-blackened soul that is astoundingly high. **God** considers the life and Blood of His only Son a reasonable price to pay to buy for Himself the souls of the lost. Calvary has made **all** men of great value in the eyes of the Christian, regardless of their estate or condition. You are not the sort of Christian who is acceptable to God unless you do "highly prize" all men! It was this principle that actuated men like Jerry McAuley and Mel Trotter, and sent them into the gutters of our great cities to redeem the lost. It was the driving force of this text and the fact implied which made D. L. Moody and Billy Sunday such great evangelists. And until you also regard **all** men as something precious—treasures to be won for God—you are far short of His desire for you.

The second demand of the text is also hard to comply with, if we are to face the truth. There is no emotion as strong as love, and no substitute for it has ever been found. Can you honestly say that you **love** all Christians? Certain members of your own local church who have offended you—do you really love them in spite of their unkindness to you? The woman who gossiped about you, or the brother who lied with relish, and injured your name—do you love these folks because they are members of the great brotherhood of believers in Jesus Christ? Believe me, this is not an easy text to face, or one that can be learned, recited, and then forgotten! This Golden Text will stir your conscience, and dig into your motives, if you will let it, and greatly profit those who face its demands sincerely.

To "fear" God, in the Biblical sense, is to reverence and trust Him. How can one reverence **God,** and hate God's children? How can we claim to live lives that add luster and glory to His great Name, when we are not on speaking terms with other Christians, or value lost men so cheaply we do nought to win them to Christ? So far, these three sections of the text, while seemingly irrelevant, are closely knit by the unified connection between trust in God and obedience to Him, and our attitude toward our fellow men.

And the principle carries through to the final statement, "Honour the king." In this case "the king" is the symbol of government. Can any deny that good Christians are also good citizens? The lawless and the criminals who are the bane of governors are not drawn largely from the ranks of the regenerated. Regardless of the **form** of political organization we may live under, this text is applicable. It is a clear-cut demand for righteous living, coupled with evangelistic fervor, **because** we would reverence and serve God. The word "honor," in this fourth section, means the same as reverence. We should show respect to our government that we might exhibit to all the world our fear of the Lord.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. To **adapt** oneself to existing conditions in the world does not require that one also **adopt** them (I Pet. 2: 11).

2. The proof of good works will go far to offset the false charges sometimes brought against us (vs. 12).

3. It is the Christian's business to obey his government, no matter what form it may take (vs. 13).

4. Governments exist for the punishing of the wicked and the rewarding of the well-doers (vs. 14).

5. Christian liberty does not grant the right to engage in any kind of wickedness (vs. 16).

6. To commit evil under the cloak of Christian liberty is a great sin (vs. 16).

7. The Christian servant's spiritual liberty does not absolve him from his obligations to his master (vs. 18).

8. Governments should not make anyone suffer wrongfully; but sometimes they do (vs. 19).

9. God is glorified when Christians endure suffering patiently for His sake (vs. 20).

10. Christ's suffering made possible our salvation; should we do nothing for Him? (vss. 21-25).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

To some people it will seem strange that Peter tells the children of God to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. No doubt Christians have a reputation for decency and honesty; but no child of God is so fortunate as to be rid of his old nature. Satan would gladly make the children of God believe that they are; for that is the easiest way to get the believer to neglect his Saviour. Peter knew about our human nature. It is very important that we are not ignorant about it. According to one of the most evangelical of preachers, "Lust includes the entire army of unclean forces which are antagonistic to the exalted realm of the spirit. It includes not only the carnal desire, but the jealous eye and the itching palm. Fleshly lust, therefore, includes envy, jealousy, avarice, insatiable selfishness and inordinate ambition."

Her Concern for Her Mother

A young girl went out in the suburbs to spend the day with friends. She looked so sweet and cool in her dainty dimity—it was an oppressively warm day—that her friends were almost inclined to be envious. "Mamma is not at all well lately. No thank you; I don't need a fan; I am very comfortable. I feel quite worried about Mamma." "Why didn't you bring her with you? This country air would do her a world of good." "She is ironing to-day. Mamma has such big ironings, especially in the summer. Then, as you know, I am going to the seashore soon, and Mamma is busy sewing for me. I have several dresses to be made, besides many other frills and furbelows." While she proceeded enthusiastically to describe the fashions, her friends were busy with their thoughts. And there is no need to point a moral to this true little tale!—From the Illustrator.

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"Because the Master is not here
With His own hand to-day
To heal the suffering multitudes
Who throng life's busy way.

"He gives the task to you and me,
He bids us hear their cry;
He says that if we turn from them
We also pass Him by!"

Christianity is practical. It touches every part of our everyday life. You ought to study the lesson comment in our quarterlies for dozens of very helpful truths found in this lesson.

PROGRAM

This is the program for the Albemarle Union meeting to be held with Mt. Tabor Church near Creswell, N. C.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. T. F. Davenport
10:15—Enrollment of ministers
10:30—Moderator's address by Rev. W. A. Hales
10:45—Business period
11:15—Special music and song service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Forrest, Host Pastor
12:15—Lunch Hour

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions led by Rev. Cecil Alexander
1:30—Business period and report of Committees
2:45—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing song by the congregation and benediction

By the Committee,
Mrs. Archie Willoughby

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PROGRAM

F. W. B. L. Program for Saturday Evening, May 29th, 1943:

Theme: The Challenge of youth in todays world
8:00 o'clock—Opening hymn: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
Devotions: The Uniform of Christ (Ephesians 6: 10-18) Alethia Etheridge
Special Music: By Mt. Tabor young people
Talk. The need for training our youth in Christian service by Mary Webster
Talk: The Opportunity of our Leagues in the Present Crises by Rev. W. A. Hales
Silent Prayer: For our men and women in the service
Song: "Onward Christian Leaguers"
Prayer
Business Session: With President in charge
Report of committees
Song: "God Be With You"
League Benediction

Program Committee,
Mrs. H. I. Fowler

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PROGRAM

Program for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention to be held with Mt. Tabor Sunday School May 29th, 1943.

10:00—Devotions conducted by Bro. Isaac Furlough
10:15—Enrollment of Ministers
10:20—Address of welcome and remarks by President
10:30—Business period, minutes and list of Sunday Schools
11:00—Special music arranged by Rev. W. A. Hales
11:10—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Bennett
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:30—Business
2:15—Closing song and benediction

Alonza L. Reynolds,
Program Committee

PROGRAM

The first Union meeting of the Western Association will convene at Micro F. W. B. Church in Johnston county, May 29th and 30th, 1943.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by congregation
—Devotion by Rev. Romie Mitchel
—Remarks by moderator
—Appointment of committees
—Reading of minutes of last meeting
—Educational talk by Rev. A. R. Flowers
—Roll call of ministers and churches
—Song by congregation
11:20—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans
12:00—Lunch hour

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotion by Rev. Willie Renfrow
—Business period and report of committee
—Report of Orphanage work and offering for same
—Treasurer's report
—Petition for next Union
3:00—Song and benediction

By the Committee

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord. Hos. 6: 3.

In need the influence of thy grace,
To speed me in my way;
Lest I should loiter in my race,
Or turn my feet astray.

Boys and Girls Corner

A RUINED CLUB HOUSE

"Say, isn't this far enough?" asked Blackey as he stepped back to better see the results of his labor. The candle did not give much light but Blackey did not care—they were digging the new club house in the side of Whyatt Hill.

"I don't know," answered Fred. "If we dig a passageway to the top of the hill for a back door, I think we should dig another room."

Sam leaned on his pick for a moment and looked at the dirt wall. "And make it with a secret door. Let's get those old bricks from the haunted house to keep the walls from caving in. Then we could put a small opening in the corner and put a packing box in front of it."

"Randall! Randall!" came a distant voice.

"That must be Mother calling me," said Blackey as he crawled down the small passageway to the "front door." "That's Mother, fellows. I'll see you to-night," Blackey called over his shoulder. In a second he had disappeared.

"Shall we work any more to-night?" asked Fred.

"Let's quit and go up and pick out a spot for the back door—you know, some place that is well hidden by the bushes," answered Sam.

Fred leaned his shovel against the wall and crawled down the passageway. Sam followed him. Pausing at the entrance to their cave the two boys carefully parted the bushes and looked around before they left the mouth of the cave. Crouching down very low they followed a well hidden path through the bushes.

"All clear?" asked Sam when they had come to the bottom of the hill. "All clear."

Stepping into the open they walked to the corner where the regular path led over the hill to the next street.

"If we climbed that tree in the middle of the hill we could see all over the top and find the best place to dig the back door," said Sam when they reached the top of the hill.

Two or three grunts and the boys were out on one of the biggest limbs.

"Do you see a good place?" asked Fred.

"Well, it might be dug over there," Sam answered as he pointed toward a big clump of bushes. "It would be well hidden."

"Or we might dig it over—who's that?" cried Fred pointing to a man walking through the bushes. "Grumpy Long has found the entrance to our club house!"

Mr. Long, called Grumpy because of his grumbling nature, glancing behind him, knelt down and crawled in the cave. In a short while he appeared again. With a self-satisfied smile he brushed his hands together and left. "I'm going to find out what he did," said Fred sliding down the tree. Together they ran across the hill. Kneeling down, the boys crawled into the cave. But they could not go far—dirt blocked their way.

"He has caved in our club house!" cried Fred. Nothing else was said—they just looked at the damaged cave. Turning they left the hill and went to Blacky's house where their own whistle brought him to the door. Quickly the story was told, and as quickly plans to "get even" were formed.

"Do you think he will hear us," asked one of the boys as they set their heavy basket down by the garage late that night.

"I don't think so."

"He won't win any flower prizes this year after we cover his flower beds with a foot of dirt."

"Fellows, I don't feel right about getting even with him. To-night at family prayers we learned the verse which says, 'If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head'."

"It will be all right—no one will find out who did it."

"Sure, there is nothing wrong with it."

"No sir, that's not right. Father says that no matter whether you are caught or not, a sin is a sin. God will punish the one who disobeys. God knows, and He is the One who keeps the records. I'm not going to do it."

The boys were silent. Finally one said, "I guess you're right. If a fellow cuts class and is not caught he has still broken a school rule. If we sin and are not caught we still have broken one of God's rules, and He will punish us for it. I move we forget the ruined club house and go home and pray for Mr. Long that he will be saved."

"I agree," came two replies.

There was a ruined club house, but three boys went home that night without their hearts being ruined by sin stains.—O. P. Boys and Girls.

SANATORIUM, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have been wanting to write to the Baptist paper, but my eyesight is getting very bad so that I cannot do much writing.

I have been praying and thanking the Lord for all the good things which He has done for me. If we will be faithful and true, He will make us strong.

It has been a great pleasure for me to write to the paper, telling of the many great pleasures that I have received from reading it. No one but I and the Lord know about the joy that I have received by being able to read the Baptist paper.

I want all of you to have me on your prayer list that I may grow stronger each day. It has been really a great pleasure to hear from you Christian people. So, remember me when you pray.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. John Rhodes,
Sanatorium, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

LOFTIN. On Tuesday night, December 15, 1942, at 9 o'clock, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Z. B. Loftin, and took her loving husband. He was 73 years old. He found pleasure in his farming in which he was active until the last few years of his life.

He was in declining health several months before his death, but bore his afflictions with patience.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Rose Hill until bad health overtook him. He was always ready and willing to befriend anyone who was in need. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, 1 daughter, 7 sons, 26 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the home of his son, Ernest Loftin at 4:00 P. M., by the Reverend Walter Nobles. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Sallie Bet Loftin

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KENNEDY. It was early in the afternoon of February 1, 1943, that the spirit of sister Nannie Kennedy, wife of Rev. R. C. Kennedy, took its flight back to God who gave it.

She was born in Duplin County, February 1, 1878. Someone has said, "Back of every man's success is a good woman." Those who visited in the home of Sister Kennedy, or who have known anything of her life realize that she was the great dynamic force back of Reverend Kennedy's busy life. They were married on March 5, 1902, and to this union was born 8 children, 7 of them living at the present time.

On Saturday before the third Sunday in September, she united with the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, living a very consistent Christian life thereafter. Her activities were in the realm of quietly going about her Christian duty, working in every phase of the church work, always doing something for others. Her life's work can be summed up in these words: "She went about doing good."

She leaves to mourn her going, a husband, Rev. R. C. Kennedy, 7 children, and 25 grandchildren. To these we would say, weep not, as those who have no hope, for we know your loss is her eternal gain.

Her funeral was conducted on February 3 by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Rev. H. Pipkin, Rev. J. C. Griffin, and Rev. Floyd Harris. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

S. A. Smith

GASKILL. On Saturday morning, April 17, 1943, the death angel visited the hospital at Beaufort, N. C., and took from us a very devoted member of the Free Will Baptist church here, Bro. E. P. Gaskill. He was 74 years old.

Brother Gaskill was in ill health for several months before his death, but he bore his afflictions with patience. He united with Pilgrim's Rest F. W. B. Church in early life, and was a devout member until the Lord called him away.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, at the home of his son, Monroe Gaskill. The body was taken to the family cemetery and laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers, a tribute of his friends and loved ones. He leaves to mourn their loss five sons, two daughters and several grandchildren. But we trust that they weep not, as those who have no hope, for we feel that their loss was his eternal gain.

Mrs. Woodrow Daniels,
Mrs. Norwood Lupton,
Committee

VICTORY OVER SIN

"For whatever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I Jon. 5: 4).

In the context of the above scripture, we have a test of our faith in God through Christ. The soul that is born of God is also possessed with a spirit of brotherly love, for all humanity without the spirit of love in the heart has not been cleansed.

Christ taught that the supreme love of God and of our neighbors was the fulfilling of the law, and the teaching of the prophets (Matt. 22: 40). When the heart and the inner life have been cleansed by the love of Christ being applied in the forgiveness of our sins, then the commandments are not grievous. The peace and understanding of God's law has then been made known unto us through our relationship with Christ Jesus. Then fear vanishes from our hearts. Of course, the Christian has a battle to contend with until death comes, but our Lord has promised us the Holy Spirit through all our lifetime, and to comfort us at the crossing of the river of death.

Talk to any Christian who has reached the evening of life, and see if his faith has not grown stronger as he advanced in life. Dear sinner, Christ is anxious to bless your soul, and to give you perfect peace from the storms of life if you will come to Him just now. I am sure you will always be glad if you will do this.

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union will meet with the church at Powhatan on May 29, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. H. Lancaster
10:30—Enrollment and reading of church letters
11:10—Report of disabled ministers
11:20—Intermission
11:30—Congregational singing and special music
—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Sermon by Rev. R. H. Jackson
1:50—Sunday School report
2:00—Petitions for the next union meeting
2:10—Educational report
2:20—Special music in charge of Rev. W. K. Jordan
2:40—Report of Mission Board
2:50—Report of Program Committee
2:55—Treasurer's report
3:20—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing remarks by Rev. C. H. Coats

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Thursday, June 24, Pilgrim's Rest, Carteret County.

REVIVAL AT ENTWISTLE

On Easter Sunday night we began our revival meeting at the Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina. There was an Easter program rendered on Sunday night to a large congregation of people.

The Reverend Lewis Holiday of Forreston, South Carolina, assisted the local pastor, Rev. Walter Carter, in the meeting. Brother Holiday's messages were appreciated very much by the church and community. On Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, Brother Holiday spoke to the young people of the church.

Reverend Holiday is a good evangelist, and we hope that he will be able to visit our church again very soon.

Mrs. Esther Carter

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Daybreak

The morning light is breaking,
  The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking
  To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
  Brings tidings from afar
Of nations in commotion,
  Prepared for Zion's war.

See heathen nations bending
  Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
  In gratitude above;
While sinners now confessing,
  The gospel shall obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing,
  A nation in a day.

Blest river of salvation,
  Pursue thy onward way;
Flow thou to ever nation,
  Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly
  Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy
  Proclaim, "The Lord is come."

—S. F. Smith

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THE FACE OF CHRIST

By Martha Snell Nicholson*

As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.—Isaiah 62: 5.

My beauty-loving eyes grow tired
Of walls, and through long days and nights
I often dream how it would seem
Could I behold earth's fairest sights.

My pale hands never held a star,
I never climbed a mountain height
Nor sailed in tropic seas, nor saw
Aurora Borealis light

The northern sky. I never glimpsed
The beauty of the Taj Mahal,
Nor watched a fading sunset paint
The Alps with afterglow. Yet all

The loveliness of earth, if given me,
Would not suffice. Some day these eyes shall see
The face of Christ as He beholds His bride!
And seeing, be forever satisfied.

*The author has known twenty years of "pain and thankfulness."
—Clipped

THE EXPECTED ONE

I know not if He comes at eve,
Or night, or morn, or noon;
I know the breeze of twilight gray,
That fans the cheek of dying day,
Doth ever whisper—"Soon!"

I know not why our souls should doubt
His promise to appear,
When every flower's opening eye
Looks up into the changing sky,
And seems to murmur—"Near!"

I know not round His blessed feet
What peerless glories throng;
I only know from rending tomb
The good shall burst in beauty's bloom;
And faith assures—"Not long!"

I know not if we years must wait
The summer of His smile;
I only know that hope doth sweep
With thrilling touch my heartstrings deep
And sings—"A little while!"
—Evangel.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3: 6.

EDITORIAL

A NOBLE CONVERSION

(Acts 13: 4-12)

After the church at Antioch had fasted and prayed, and had laid their hands upon Paul and Barnabas, the two men departed, going down the Orontes River to Seleucia, the seaport town of Antioch, and from thence they took ship for the island Cyprus. Thus, these two disciples, "being sent forth by the Holy Spirit," began the first foreign missionary work.

"Historically this is the precise moment at which the foreign missionary enterprise actually began. The fact that we are Christians ourselves, dates back to that obedience of those men in that little ship. They took the little tree of Christianity and transplanted it from the cramping flower-pot of Judaism into the soil of humanity of the whole world. It is an apparently tiny act which, in simple fact, when looked at down the perspective of the centuries, is seen to have changed the history of the world."—Basil Matthews.

The Word Preached at Salamis

Upon arriving at the seaport town of Salamis on the eastern part of Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas stayed a while and preached to the Jews in their synagogues. John Mark went along with them on this missionary tour. After having spent some time in Salamis preaching the Word of God to the Jews, they traveled the length of the island, "through the isle," arriving at the town of Paphos on the west coast.

The Governor Hears the Word

Sergius Paulus was the proconsul (Roman governor) of Cyprus, and "a prudent man." Upon hearing of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas, he "desired to hear the word of the Lord." He wanted to know what this new preaching meant—what mysterious teachings these strangers were bringing to the people of his town. Thus, he gave good proof that he was indeed "a man of understanding," and had a mind ready to hear the teachings from these men of the Word of God. He showed a willingness to learn just what these gospel ministers were preaching to the people. It bespeaks well, not only of rulers and men of high standing to be willing to hear the blessed Word of God expounded, but also of those of humble stations in life as well. But Satan very often places fetters in the way of many, whether weak or strong, high or low, to divert their minds and hearts from hearing and receiving the Word of God. So it was at first in the case of Sergius Paulus.

Elymas Opposes the Word

Elymas, who was with Sergius Paulus, sought "to turn away the deputy from the faith." This Elymas was a sorcerer, a magician or wizard. The New Standard Encyclopedia says, "He was a Jewish sorcerer and prophet who, . . . opposed Paul before the Proconsul Sergius Paulus at Paphos in Cyprus and was smitten with temporary blindness." Paul, "filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him." Guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul turned to this vile sorcerer filled with Satanic spirits, and cried out to him, "O full of all subtilty (guile) and all mischief (villiany), thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right way of the Lord?" Immediately Paul stopped this wicked man from his attempt to divert Sergius Paulus from the right way of the Lord. Yes, Paul gave him a scathing rebuke because of his guile and villiany, as "the child of the devil," to interfere with the preaching of the gospel. Moreover, he was instantly smitten with blindness. Yes, the power of God struck him mysteriously because of his Satanic interference with Paul and Sergius. For some time "he went about seeking some to lead him." Those who oppose God stand in the way of their own light, and are stumbling in the darkness of this world. Why? They are blinded by their sins.

In that day, however, magicians of all kinds were favorably received among the Romans, and it was not anything unusual that this Elymas had gained influence with Sergius Paulus. Moreover, he knew that, if the proconsul should accept the Word of God upon Paul's preaching, he would lose his power over Sergius Paulus. For that reason he would lose much material advantage as well.

The Governor Saved

"Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine (teaching) of the Lord." He was astonished at what he saw, and he believed. Seeing God's power manifested so greatly as to smite Elymas blind instantly, and hearing the words of Paul, Sergius Paulus believed the truth of the Word of God as preached by Paul and Barnabas. It was a notable incident for the people of Paphos to witness, or to hear of the conversion of the proconsul, the governor of the island.

"When he became a Christian, he neither laid down his government, nor was turned out of it, but we may suppose, as a Christian magistrate, by his influence helped very much to propagate Christianity in that island. The tradition of the Roman church, which has taken care to find bishoprics for all the eminent converts we read of in **The Acts**, has made this Sergius Paulus bishop of Narbon in France, left there by Paul in his journey to Spain."—M. H.

He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam. 2: 9.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Psa. 17: 5.

Early History of Free Will Baptists

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(Article No. 16)

Educational Institutions. — The Education Society was organized at Acton, Me., Jan. 15, 1840. In the autumn of 1839, four ministers, John Chaney, Silas Curtis, D. Waterman, and J. J. Butler, met in Farmington, Me., and after prayerful deliberation, determined to send forth a call for an educational convention, soliciting different ministers from different parts of the denomination. In December following the call was published in the MORNING STAR, signed by forty-six ministers and laymen, appointing a convention at Acton, Me., "to adopt measures for providing the means for a Biblical instruction for pious young men who promise usefulness to the church."

Accordingly 76 ministers and prominent laymen met and adopted seventeen resolutions, which formed the basis on which the society was organized, thus a much needed institution was organized. For years opposition against secular education took place, but finally settled in favor, "if it was arranged to the glory of God, and of the good of the church." Elder Jeremiah Bullock said stoutly, "I would crawl on my knees to set on fire all books." When the MORNING STAR took an outspoken stand for education, great opposition arose through Dr. James M. Buzzell. These men had a paper called the MAINE FREE WILL BAPTIST, REPOSITORY published at Limerick, the old home of the MORNING STAR. It finally vanished away. To the credit of the first founders of our denomination be it said that they were not hostile to good learning. "What do you read," asked some one of Randall, "I read everything," was his concise reply. Perhaps no one among "THE NOBLE SEVEN" besides Randall was more esteemed and useful than Pelatiah Tingley, who was a graduate of Yale College. The denomination received and honored other college-bred men, such as Wm. S. Babco and Zalmon Tobey. David Marks died in the midst of college halls, and the torch was grabbed up and carried on by Quinby, Fullton, Cheney, Dunn, and others. OUR FATHERS did not object to TRUE learning, but to putting secular knowledge in the place of the knowledge of God. With the privilege came the dangers also and the society recognized this truth.

To avoid losing that spirituality and warmth of heart, so conspicuous in our fathers, and of becoming cold and lifeless, was their chief concern. The first thing done was to raise $600 and buy a library of 700 volumes in connection with Parsonfield Seminary. In September, 1842, it was moved to Dracut, Mass., and it became an independent Bible School. During the three years at Parsonfield there were 43 men in attendance. It was next moved to New Hampton, and a call for $20,000, met quick response. Arrangements were made to assist students financially.

In 1867 the society divided its capital giving $25,000 to Bates College, and $17,000 to the theological department of Hillsdale College. In 1880 the society had raised for theological education $84,000 besides the income of its invested funds, these amounted to $56,000 dollars with an annual interest of between 3 and 4 thousand dollars. Annual addresses were placed in the MORNING STAR, and in pamphlets. Some twenty-five institutions, colleges and academies, have sprung up. Over $1,000,000 have been expended since Parsonfield opened its doors in 1832. Note the list now existing—(1832)-(1888)

Parsonfield Sem., Stafford Ac., Randalian Sem., Smithville Sem., Lapham Inst., Biblical School, Whitestown, Michigan College, Geauge Sem., Atwood Inst., New Hampton Inst., Hillsdale College, Maine State Sem., Pike Sem., Cheshire Ac., Wilton Col., Minnesota Sem., (N. W. College), Green Mt. Sem., Bates College, Latin School, Maine Cen. Inst., Ridgeville Col., West Virginia Col., Storer Col., Lynden Inst., Rochester Sem., Rio Grande Col., India Bible School, Keuka Col., Winnebago City Col., and many others.

Short Historical Facts

Bates College was open to Women as well as men. Opened with 137 students. It cover 20 acres. Had an endowment from Hon. Ben E. Bates of $100,000. Of its students 31 out of 138 were women. 109 men have gone from Bates to the ministry. It welcomed the COLORED RACE. It lays stress on CHARACTER. In 1889 there had been 429 graduates.

Geauge Seminary — Located in Chester Co., Ohio, founded by Rev. David Marks, Philbrick, Dunn and Moulton, opened in 1842, and made up of 80 acres. It educated many of the leaders, and finally was merged into HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale College—Is the oldest of the denominational colleges. It recognized races or colors, or sex. It has a campus of 25 acres. Its endowments came from loghouses, shanties, destitute homes and the like. The donors are mostly in their graves, but their gifts slipped from their poverty still go on in a good work. THE MORNING STAR PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT gave $3,000 towards the **Burr** Professorship, he having been its well known editor. The **MARKS** professorship was raised by the Central Association. "NO DEBTS" was its slogan. Its price, $650 a term for gentlemen, and $4.50 for ladies, besides $3.00 matriculation fee. 15,000 students have attended to date. About one third of its graduates have been ladies. The original building was destroyed by fire in March 1874. Cream colored brick replaced it and others have been added. Among the alumni are 29 missionaries in India, China, Africa, and West Indies. Some in Congress and high seats of State.

Manning Bible School — Founded April 9, 1900, at Cairo, Ill., established to train young colored men for the ministry, as missionaries, Sunday School workers, and teachers. It is located at the very gate-way of the South. Here large numbers of colored people, have settled from Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and other southern states. Rev. J. S. Manning took up this work in 1865 and many churches tell of his work among the colored people, and of his untiring zeal.

Note (Next Subject will be "India Missions.")

A SPLENDID CHURCH REPORT

By I. J. Blackwelder,
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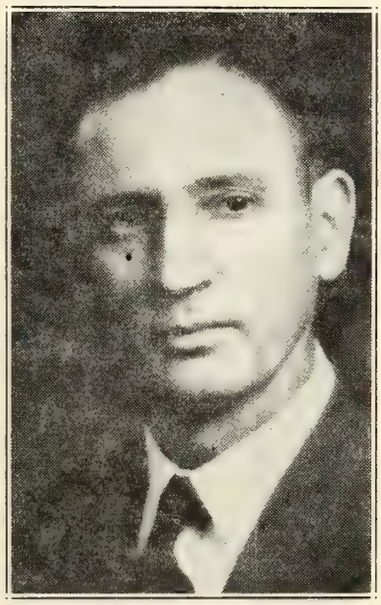
Since no report from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., has appeared in the Free Will Baptist for considerably more than a year, no doubt many of the Baptist readers are wondering what the church has been doing during this time, and what it is still doing. Well, we can assure you that our church is neither dead nor asleep, but that it is very much alive and is going forward in a most encouraging way. We have not sought to boost our church with exaggerated and empty words, but rather to let what we have done speak for itself, for, as the Lord said, "ye shall know them by their fruit," and not by what they say.

Our first and only report appeared in the Free Will Baptist in December, 1941, less than three months after the organization of the church. Therefore, this report includes a period of sixteen months, from January, 1942, through April, 1943.

During this time we have received twenty-two members into fellowship, who, together with the 44 charter members, make a total of 66. However, we have lost one by death and two through change of membership, leaving a membership of 63 at present. Of this number we have about fifty who are more or less active, almost all of whom are really "on the firing line." The other twelve or fourteen are totally inactive and presumably totally indifferent.

During these sixteen months we have had Sunday school every Sunday, though a few times the weather



Rev. Blackwelder

was so bad that our attendance was very small. However, the especially good Sundays have boosted attendance to a weekly average of 66 for the entire period. Our league has done reasonably well, too, with an average of 26. And our prayer meeting has been exceptionally good. We have had less than thirty in prayer meeting only a few times, and many times we have had more than fifty in the services.

And, of course, you are interested in the financial status of the church, for "money talks" with all of us. Even in the church, as one writer has said, "money is the acid test." From the finacial standpoint I believe that Trinity Church is unsurpassed anywhere among Free Will Baptists, and by very few churches in any denomination.

During the past sixteen months our church treasury has received a total of $2,827.47. Our building fund treasury has received $681.64, which make a total of $3,509.11 received by the two treasuries. But besides this, the Sunday school classes have raised approximately $400.00 on the side, which is in excess of the regular Sunday school offerings. The Victory Class, which is a class of women, has topped them all in raising more than $250.00, or more than half the total raised by the entire Sunday school through special efforts. In other words, the monthly receipts of our church have been almost $250.00, or a total of $3,900.00 in round numbers.

The disbursements are as follows:

Pastor's salary	$2,047.50
Revival expenses	110.00
S. S. & League literature	82.13
Missionaries & missionary workers	52.32
Church repairs	199.20
Paid on church building	453.25
Miscellaneous expenses	346.81
Total disbursements from the two treasuries	$3,291.21
Present balance	217.90
Total	$3,509.11

The greater part of the $400.00 raised by the Sunday school classes has been used principally in buying church furniture and for redecoration work, but the accurate disbursement records are not available.

Trinity Church

And this is not all yet. Besides the regular salary, the pastor and wife have received many considerations on the side. During the Christmas holidays Mrs. Blackwelder and I received about $75.00 in useful presents, some of which were money gifts. Also, at a house warming given us in February we received $75.00 worth of splendid gifts. And these Christmas and house warming pres-

ents do not account for $50.00 or more, which has been handed to the pastor by friends from time to time. Moreover, I assisted in three revivals last year for which I received $285.-00, and while I was in the revivals the church paid me my salary as though I were on the job at home. Never before has a church paid me my salary while I was in revival work elsewhere, unless it was during the time given the pastor as a vacation. So for the last sixteen months my total income from my church work has been more than $2,500.00, or approximately $160.00 a month. I know that this is not a great income these days, but it is a handsome amount considering the age, size, and financial ability of my church.

But the best of all is the unusually fine Christian spirit that prevails in our church and among our people. Our people come as nearly constituting a unit as any group you will find anywhere. They are interested and they have ideas of their own, but they are most considerate of others' ideas, and are glad to cooperate with the majority. Never has there been the least contention in a business meeting, though different ideas have been presented from time to time. This united and cooperative spirit proves the old saying that "in unity there is strength."

And, finally, I am happy to say that the people of Trinity Church are loyal and faithful Free Will Baptists, and they love one another, their own church, and our cause at large.

SELMA CHURCH TO HAVE TEN-DAY REVIVAL SERIES

The people of the Free Will Baptist Church of Selma, N. C., is preparing for a ten-day revival campaign which begins Sunday, June sixth. Rev. R. P. Harris of Enfield, who is pastor of the church, will do the preaching. Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago will direct the music. Everything that can be done to make the campaign a success is being done.

A Daily Vacation Bible School will be sponsored by the church each day during the revival meeting. Special effort is being put forth to assure the success of this combined effort for the glory of God and the magnifying of His dear Son. It is the highly honored privilege of those responsible to do all they can, and

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris,
Director of Music

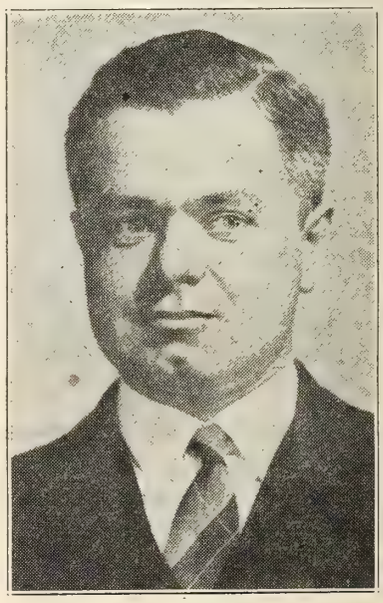
trust to our Blessed Lord to do the rest. Pray for the success of this effort for His Name's sake.

Church Interior Being Completed

The interior of the church has never been completed. Funds have been raised to do this work, and if workers can be hired to do the work it will be completed by the time of the revival. It has long been the desire of the founder of the church, Rev. J. H. Worley, to see this job done. We are exceedingly glad that he is able to see it taking place. We praise the Lord for such praiseworthy soldiers of the cross as he. A campaign is under way now raising funds to erect an educational building as soon as war conditions will permit. The present pastor of this church thinks it is one of the most active little churches in the state. All the auxiliaries are working magnificently, and interest is growing all along. The attendance is indeed gratifying and the spiritual status of the members is praiseworthy. The Lord be praised for a people bent upon doing things for his Name's sake.

A Brief Church History

The church was organized from the results of a three week's meeting held by the late R. V. (Bob) Self, of West Asheville, N. C., in October, 1928. This was a tent-meeting. After the church was organized with a membership of forty-five Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level, N. C., was called to serve as pastor. A hall was rented from W. W. Hare of Selma. A Sunday School was organized immediately. Although the Meeting place was up town, success crowned their efforts and the work continued to grow. Later the membership decided to have a regular schedule of services one Sunday each month and Rev. H. R. Faircloth was called to serve as regular pastor of the church. When infantile paralysis became prominent and public meetings were discouraged, the church suffered deterioration and discontinued. After the fear of the infantile malady had subsided, the Ladies Aid, having one hundred and fifty ($150.00) dollars in the treasury, advertised a called meeting of the members to formulate



Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor,
Will Do the Preaching

plans for the purchase of a lot on which to build a church. After having purchased the lot, plans for the erection of a building was immediately entered into. The church was ready to be officially opened within a few months afterwards, and a very carefully arranged program was rendered by leading Free

Will Baptists of that section on the Opening Day of the church.

Former pastors in order as they served:

1. Rev. S. H. Styron, 1928-30.
2. Rev. H. R. Faircloth, 1930-32.
3. Rev. W. R. Williams, 1932-34.
4. Rev. R. N. Hinnant, 1935-37.
5. Rev. C. E. Bowen, 1938-42.
6. Rev. R. P. Harris, 1942- .

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

The State Auxiliary

It was our happy privilege to attend the State Auxiliary of the Women's Work of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina last Thursday, which convened at the Shady Grove Church in Sampson county. We had the opportunity to speak to this body about the Six-Point Program of North Carolina and to learn from the reports that the Auxiliary work had been a great success during the past year. The attendance was not as large as heretofore, but the inspiration was greater and we are looking forward to greater work by the women. Also such a co-operation is in the making by the associations and auxiliaries throughout the denomination that there will be no overlapping in a few years but one perfect plan of thorough co-operation which will cover every phase of the work from the local church to the National Association.

More Good News

It was good news to this writer, and I am sure that it will be good news to a large number of our readers, when we learned from the treasurers of the Home Mission Board, and of the Foreign Board, of the success of the February and April offerings for Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. James A. Evans reported to me yesterday that the Home Mission fund had reached the high of $594.38 and Rev. Chester Pelt reported that the Foreign Mission fund had reached $611.00 since the first of April. Praise the Lord for the offerings. Praise the Lord money is still going to these funds. You can generally count on a person by the gift—and always by the spirit manifested in the giving—as to the interest in the cause. This being true our folk are becoming more and more missionary minded.

Another bit of good news was reported by Rev. L. R. Ennis in that he said $400.00 per month was going in for Christian Education. Well, let us get set for JUNE and make CHRISTIAN EDUCATION a reality in NORTH CAROLINA by making the greatest offerings ever.

Maggie's Gift

"The minister's eyes swept with intense searching the apathetic faces of his stylish, worldly congregation. He had made an impassioned appeal for help in the support of a little mission church among the mountains—a section where the rough men and women knew scarcely anything of God and of the religion of Christ. He had hoped to inspire the people with the spirit of giving, to make them feel that it was a sweet, blessed privilege, and he had failed. A sense of desolation crept over him.

"God help me," his lips murmured, mutely. He could not see the bent figure of little crippled Maggie in the rear of the church—a figure which was trembling under the fire of the appeal.

'Lord Jesus,' the little one was saying, 'I ain't got nothin' ter give; I want the people in the mountains to hear 'bout my Saviour. O Lord, I ain't got nothin' ter—' What was it that made the child catch her breath as though a cold hand had taken hold of her heart?

'Yes, you have Maggie,' whispered a voice from somewhere, "You've got your crutch, your beautiful crutch that was given ter you, an' is worth a lot of shinin' dollars. You can give up your best friend what helps you ter git into the park, where the birds sing, an' takes you ter preachin' an' makes your life happy.'

'Oh, no, Lord,' said the child, choking and shivering. 'Yes, yes, I will. He gave up more'n that for me.' Blindly she extended the polished crutch, and placed it in the hands of the deacon who was taking up the scanty collection. For a moment the man was puzzled, then, comprehending her meaning, he carried her crutch to the front of the church, and laid it on the table in front of the pulpit. The minister stepped down from the rostrum and held up the crutch with shaking hands. The sublimity of the renunciation unnerved him so that he could not speak for a moment.

'Do you see it my people?' he faltered at last, "Little Maggie's crutch—all that she has to make life comfortable? She has given it, and you—' There was a moment of silence. The people flushed, and moved restlessly in their cushioned pews.

'Does any one want to contribute to the mission cause the amount of money this crutch would bring, and give it back to the child who is helpless without it?' the minister asked gravely.

'Fifty dollars,' came in husky tones from the banker, 'Twenty-five,' 'One hundred,'

And so the subscribing went on, until papers equivalent to six hundred dollars, were lightly piled over the crutch on the table.

'Ah, you have found your hearts—thank God! Let us receive the benediction," almost whispered the minister, as he suddenly extended his hands which were trembling with emotion.

Little Maggie, absorbed in the magnitude of her offering and the love which prompted it, comprehended nothing that had taken place. She had no thought of the future, of how that she would reach her humble home, or of the days which she would sit helpless in her chair as she had once done. Christ had demanded her all, and she had given it, with the blind faith of Abraham. She understood no better, when a woman's arm drew her into a close embrace, and soft lips whispered into her ears:

(See Notes and Quotes on Page 11)

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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Home Missions ..... Foreign Missions
REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*
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STUDENT'S APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION TO THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE—LEEDS, ALABAMA, JUNE 7-18, 1943

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Give name of church of which you are a member_____

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What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____ What amount, in excess of your registration fee ($1), are you forwarding with this application $_____

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REVEREND WILLIAM H. RYLAND,
Margaret, Alabama

Signed_____

NOTE: All class sessions will be open to visitors, but those desiring credits for work done will be required to pay the registration fee of one dollar each.

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PROGRAM

The National Association of Free Will Baptists

Annual Session—July 11-15, 1943, to convene with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sunday Evening, July 11

8:00—National Sunday School Convention (Program to be published later)

Monday Morning, July 12
Monday Afternoon

9:00—National Sunday School Convention

Monday Evening

8:00—Women's National Auxiliary Convention (Program to be published later)

Tuesday Morning, July 13
Tuesday Afternoon

9:00—Women's National Auxiliary Convention

Tuesday Evening

—National Association in Session—Rev. James F. Miller, Moderator
8:00—Worship: Hymn singing directed by Rev. Henry Melvin. Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. B. F. Rogers
8:30—Address of Welcome—Chairman of Host Committee local church
8:40—Response to address of welcome—Rev. John B. Rollins
8:45—Organization: Election of General Officers of the Association
9:00—Moderator's Message
9:20—Music by Association Choir
9:30—Appointment of committees
9:35—Report of General Board—Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman
10:00—Adjournment as directed by the Moderator

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Worship: Hymn of praise, Scripture reading, and prayer—Rev. J. L. Welch
9:15—Report of Women's National Auxiliary Convention — Mrs. Fannie E. Polston
—Address: "The Auxiliary Revival" — Evangelist Elsie Curtis, Fifth Vice-President
10:00—Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College — Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman Board of Trustees
—Address: "Ye Shall Know the Truth"—Rev. L. C. Johnson, President Bible College
11:00—Music by Association Choir
—Association Sermon—Rev. L. R. Ennis
12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture, and prayer — Rev. Damon Dodd
2:15—Report of Executive Secretary—Rev. L. R. Ennis
2:30—Report of Promotional Secretary — Rev. Lizzie McAdams
2:40—Report of Board of Publications and Literature
3:00—Address: "Our Debt to the

Retired Minister" — Rev. E. C. Morris

3:15—Report of Superannuation Board — Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman

3:30—Business Session

4:00—Adjournment

Wednesday Night

8:00—Worship: Missionary Hymns, Scripture Lesson, and Prayer—Rev. Chester Pelt

—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman

—"The Missionary's Call" — Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Missionary to India

—"The Progress of Free Will Baptist Missions in Cuba"—Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba

10:00—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

9:00—Worship: Hymn, Scripture reading, Prayer—Rev. Melvin Bingham

9:15—Report of National Sunday School Convention — Mr. W. E. Coville, President

9:30—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board — Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman

9:45—Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Chairman

10:00—Report of Treasurer—Rev. F. S. VanHoose

10:10—Report of Statistician—Rev. C. F. Bowen

10:20—Reports of Special Committees:

Resolutions
Temperance
Nominating

11:00—Miscellaneous Business

12:00—Fellowship and Adjournment —Rev. George D. Dunbar

Note: Rev. Henry Melvin, Pastor of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, will act as music director throughout the session of the Association.

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JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

Before I start with the main theme of my Jots and Dots, I would like to say AMEN in Capital letters to the article in the Baptist of May 12th by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Also ask our people to respond to the request of (Lieutenant _____) where he is begging we folks at home to pray for victory—victory over Satan as well as over the Axis power.

We read in Nehemiah 4: 6 where the Jews accomplished a great work, "for the people had a mind to work." We read farther on in this chapter where certain people tried to hinder the work, but we also read where the workmen made or offered prayer to God, and set watchmen to watch the enemy.

I think all true Christians have a very special work to do, in fact it is more important than rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Keeping ourselves unspotted from the world is a great work. While we are striving to keep ourselves unspotted, we are building that spiritual wall of protection that will shield us from the wrath of a sin avenging God in the day of judgment. While we are building that wall we will also have enemies to mock, scorn and ridicule us. So, alas we will have to set our watch or guard against the evil influences that would retard our progress in building our spiritual wall of protection. If all who have professed Christ and accepted him as their Saviour, had as good a mind to work spiritually, as the builders under Nehemiah had, we would not have such a hard time getting a few converts during our revivals. On the day of Pentecost one sermon converted three thousand (Acts 2: 41).

Now, it sometimes looks like it needs three thousand sermons to really convert one person. Some one may ask, how I can tell if a person is converted or not? When we see persimmons on a tree, we know it is a persimmon tree. When I see church members doing things that they know tickles the Devil, there is nothing to keep me or any one else from knowing they are not really converted. When they get a good dose of conversion, they will love to attend Sunday School and preaching, if not providentially hindered.—Amen.

THE SILVERSMITH'S REFLECTION

By Charlotte E. Arnold

The silversmith is bent above the heat,
Removing all the dross he can detect,
And when the molten silver will reflect
His face he knows his task is then complete.

So God, the Silversmith, would but refine
His own, and yet how seldom we suspect
He only waits to see His likeness shine!

—Clipped

HITHERTO AND HENCEFORTH

By Grant Colfax Tullar

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. —1 Sam. 7: 12. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown.—2 Tim. 4: 8.

Whate'er the days ahead may bring,
'Tis best I should not know,
But rest secure, whatever comes
Of happiness or woe.
The Lord has helped me "hitherto"—
Is now my hope and stay;
So for the days that yet may dawn,
I'll trust Him as today.

"Henceforth a crown laid up for me,"
Why ask I other need?
"A crown of righteousness," the prize
Sufficient is indeed.
Forever toward that prize I press,
Nor will I be cast down;
The Lord my Helper, "hitherto"—
"Henceforth" for me, a crown.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 38: 25.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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"MY HOPE IS IN THEE"

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes
Pink Hill, N. C.

"And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee" (Ps. 39: 7).

Friends, where is our hope today? Is it really in God? Can we say without a doubt that our hope is in God? David said, "I waited patiently upon the Lord; and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."

Have we as church members, and professed Christians waited upon God until he has heard our cry as David did? Is our hope really in thee? Oh God! There is only One in whom we can place our hope, and that One is God. If we place our hope in the things of the world, they will decay, and waste away. They will all perish, and we will perish with them.

But God gives us the assurance that, when we place our hope in Him, He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will be with us to the end if we are submissive to His holy will.

I am inclined to believe that we sometimes place our hope in the preachers. This is wrong, although we certainly should have faith in them. But God forbid that we should place our hope in them. May we say, as David said, "My hope is in thee." God's word says, "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lie." So, let us make God our trust in these trying days. May we say, as David the Psalmist said, "I delight to do thy will, Oh my God. Yea, thy law is within my heart." If we have God's love and His law abiding within our hearts, we can then truly say, "My hope is in thee."

Again I say, friends, Where is our hope? Is it in God? Money and the things of this world will vanish, but God's love will forever remain. If we will accept it and let God's love come into our hearts, we will have something that will be lasting. Our friends here, it seems, do turn their backs upon us but God will never turn us aside if our hope is in Him.

Our prayer is that those who do not have their hope in God may read these few lines, and then say as David said, "And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee." May they accept our Lord and Saviour as their only hope.

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"FIRST OF ALL"

In writing to Timothy, Paul in the beginning of chapter two, First Timothy, says, "I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men. . . . For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (I Tim. 2: 1, 3).

Paul here reminds Timothy of his unceasing intercession for all men, and asks to be remembered so that the word of the Lord might have free course. In addressing the Christians at Rome, Paul pleads thus: "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" (Rom. 15: 30).

The sweet fellowship of the early believers in Christ bound them in strong and enduring ties of Christian love. In spite of the limitations and means which they had, these early Christians were able to make an impression on those about them. And their secret of power was their prayer life, the means through which the Holy Spirit imparted spiritual power. Prayer is the chief essential needed in church work.

Every necessary equipment, and educational advantage may be present, yet if this one thing—prayer—is missing, failure is certain to result. When drawing his letter to a close, Paul mentions the equipment for a Christian warrior; namely, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." We pray not in order to make God willing to give us blessings, but for the purpose of fitting ourselves to be able to receive whatever blessings God is ready to give us. Our wills must be put into action, into conformity with God's will. When we enter into Holy communion with God, His grace passes into our souls, and floods us with His divine light and life. We know the neglect of prayer is the greatest neglect in our churches today, and we can list it as first of all on the "black list" of sins against God. It is the most common sin of neglect among Christians. We cannot say that it is mere thoughtlessness, neglect or indifference, for our prayerlessness is sin.

Samuel, the prophet, thought so, too, as he plainly says in I Samuel 12: 23, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Thus, it is shown that this relationship of prayer one for another is binding. It is an obligation upon us to pray one for another, as Christian people. It really puts a new meaning into the ministry of prayer. This is the medicine for the world's sore ills. Here is the balm of Gilead!

We must put first things first. In communion with God in prayer, the intercession, which is co-operation with God, we learn the true order of our desires.

To our women of the National Auxiliary, may I say, let us enter into this plan of God's work more fully than ever before. Here are a few suggestions, which I wish to make, concerning objects for intercessory prayer, and in which all Christians may engage: For the church and Christians in all lands. All suffering and all rulers and the common people. For those who carry God's Word everywhere, especially those of

our own denomination who have a part in this work.

As our Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of God, may we in His loving Spirit intercede for others. "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal the land" (II Chron. 7: 14). Let us obey, therefore, His Word, for prayer is the greatest force the Christian can wield. No one is excused if he fails to appropriate this great force which God has put into man's hand for the evangelizing of the world.

Emma Moore,
327 N. Grand East,
Springfield, Illinois

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AID REPORT OF GUMNECK CHURCH

Our Aid society met on May 11 for its regular monthly meeting with ten members present. The meeting was called to order with song and scripture reading by Mrs. T. W. Sawyer. The 44th chapter of Genesis was read as the basis for the lesson study, and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. J. Everton.

Activities

Bible chapters read	85
Trays taken to the sick	7
Sick visits made	40
Flowers taken to the sick	2
Amount of dues paid in	$2.40
Collection for Home Missions	$4.60
Total	$7.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet in June on the fifteenth in its regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. L. T. Jones, President,
Mrs. E. L. Parrisher, Secretary

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DEEP RUN AID REPORT

Our society held its regular monthly meeting at the church on May 13. It was opened with song and the devotions were led by Mrs. E. C. Taylor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with ten members present. The dues collected amounted to $2.60. A motion was then carried to send $5.00 to Foreign Missions.

It was moved to have the church grounds broken with a tractor, and to sow it in beans in the background.

Activities

Bible chapters read	276
Sick visits made	32
Quarts of milk given away	93
Pounds of butter given away	6
Flowers given	2

Mrs. Roy Hill and Mrs. Pennie Williams will be our hostesses for June. Miss Lottie Smith will lead the devotions. There being no further business, the meeting closed with Mrs. Whitford Hill pronouncing the benediction. The hostess then served fruits.

Miss Lottis Smith, Secretary

NOTES AND QUOTES

'Maggie, dear, your crutch has made six-hundred dollars for the mission church among the mountains, and has come back to stay with you again. Take it little one.'

Like a flash there came the consciousness that in some mysterious way her gift had been accepted of God and returned unto her, and with a cry of Joy the child caught the beloved crutch to her heart; then, smiling through her tears, she hobbled out of the sanctuary."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 13: 10).—Gertrude M. Jones.

There are times when we are called to do more than to give our TITHE as in the case of little Maggie. God says, "Give me all, now my Child," and then God in his mysterious way "opens the windows of heaven" and "drops us handfulls" of blessings. No man can out give God.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6: 38), said the Lord Jesus.

"He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (II Cor. 9: 6). Reader, have you tried God, with your "tithes and offerings?"

QUAINT RULES FOR CHURCH DECORUM

I

Thou shalt not come to service late,
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.

II

Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
When speaks the organ its refrain.

III

But when the hymns are sounded out,
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.

IV

The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,
For more must share the pew with thee.

V

The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
But give thine uttermost with cheer.

VI

Thou shalt this calendar peruse,
And look here for the church's news.

VII

Thou shalt the minister give heed,
Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.

VIII

Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,
And if a stranger, make a friend.

IX

Thou shalt in every way be kind,
Compassionate, of tender mind.

X

And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.

—From N. Y. Church Bulletin.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for June 6)

Lesson: I Pet. 3: 13-17; 4: 12-16; 5: 6-10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" (I Pet. 3: 17).

This lesson centers around the suffering of the **saints for righteousness' sake.** Note how often the word suffering or a kindred word occurs in these short selected passages: I Pet. 3: 14, 16, 17; 4: 12-16; 5: 9, 10. The early believers needed all the encouragements and promises which were uttered by our Lord and His Apostles. They gave up worldly advantages, and suffered hardships, privaion, and persecution (1: 6, 7; 4: 12). Yet Peter pronounces them "happy" even in the midst of their afflictions—"If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, **happy** are ye"; "if ye be reproached for the Name of Christ, **happy** are ye" (3: 14; 4: 14). The character of their sufferings consisted partly in unjust and injurious words spoken against them. Many were the **slanders** they had to endure (2: 12; 3: 16; 4: 14). It is obvious that they suffered in **body** for the faith. The word afflictions in 5: 9 suggests physical suffering; see also 2: 20 (buffeted). The **ground** of their suffering was "for righteousness' sake," for the "Name of Christ," for "well doing." Great care was to be taken that none suffered unjustly for wrongdoing (4: 15). **The recompense** of their sufferings: The persecuted Christians are pronounced happy, blessed, because they are enduring what had been permitted by the **will of God** (3: 17; 4: 19); they have the assurance that none really can harm them (3: 13); they have fellowship with Christ in His sufferings (4: 13); they have the prospect of immortal blessedness—they are called "unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus" (5: 10).

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12: 9).

II. Home Work

1. How did the first experience of suffering on account of their faith affect the Apostles? (Acts 5: 41).

2. What kind of career did the Lord Promise Saul at his conversion? (Acts 9: 16).

3. What experience is sure to be ours if we are children and heirs of God? (Rom. 8: 17).

4. Is it a privilege or a punishment to suffer in behalf of Christ? (Phil. 1: 29).

5. What power and what fellowship are highly desirable for the Christian? (Phil. 3: 10).

6. What assurance may we claim in times of suffering? (II Tim. 1: 12).

7. What promise is given to us if we suffer with Christ in this life? (II Tim. 2: 12).

8. What kind of suffering did Moses choose, and why? (Heb. 11: 24-26).

9. How did Christ suffer during the time of His life on earth? (Heb. 2: 18).

10. To what should Christ's suffering in the flesh stir us up? (I Pet. 4: 1).

11. What important truths are brought out by our **Advanced Quarterly** on I Peter 4: 12-16?

12. What is the distinctive note of I Peter, as stated in our **Senior Quarterly?**

13. Why is Satan called a **roaring lion,** while our Lord is called the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah? (Revelation 5: 5).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Looking on the Wrong Side

Dr. G. F. Pentecost was once trying to comfort a woman who had passed through sore trials. Failing in his efforts to cheer her and dispel her doubts, he took up some embroidery upon which she had been working and said, "What a confusion of threads! Why waste time on a thing like that?" Turning the embroidery over, she said, "Now look at it. You were seeing it from the wrong side." "That's it, exactly," said Dr. Pentecost. "You are looking at your trials from the wrong side. Turn them over and look at them from the right side—that is, from God's side. The Lord is working out a design of His own for your life, and you must look at things from His point of view, and trust His workmanship.—Religious Digest.

Our Refuge and Defense

In every time of trouble, we can pray to God for help. How glad we are that God never sleeps nor slumbers, but is always ready to help us. A lady, whose husband was traveling in Europe, was left alone with her maid in a large, lonely house in a Western State. One night she and her maid read the Bible and prayed. Then they retired to their separate rooms. The lady discovered that a robber had entered her room. She saw him, and was tempted to cry aloud for help, but she knew that it would be useless. She determined to call upon God for help. Although she was greatly frightened, she picked up her Bible from the table, and sank into a chair, and began to read aloud the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Then she knelt down and prayed aloud. She told God how she was unprotected and asked Him to keep her safe from thieves and robbers and all evil persons. As she arose from her knees, a voice said, "Do not cry out, or be frightened. You are perfectly safe. I came here to rob this house, but the chapter you read from the Bible is one I used to hear my mother read, and the prayer you offered reminded me of her prayers. I am going away now. You need fear nothing!"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union in the Central Conference convenes with Black Jack Church in Pitt County, May 30, 1943.

Program

11:30—Congregational Singing
—Remarks by President
—Appointment of Committees
11:45—Special Music by the local church
—Sermon—Rev. R. C. Wiggs
12:30—Lunch Hour
1:30—Congregational singing
—Prayer
—Special Music by the local church
1:45—Business Period
—Minutes Read
—Report of Committees
—New Business
—Election of Officers
2:30—Special Music—Clarissa Edwards
2:40—Installation of New Officers by Mrs. Jessie Farish
3:15—Adjournment

Note: The above time is Eastern War Time

L. A. Fulford,
Cora Lee Spivey,
Jessie Farish

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second Union of the North Carolina Central Conference which convenes with Black Jack Church on May 29, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional led by Rev. C. H. Denton
—Enrollment and short business session
11:00—Sunday School address by Sister H. L. Spivey
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wiggs

Afternoon Session

12:15—Dinner
1:15—Reassemble and devotions led by Brother L. A. Fulford
1:30—Business
2:30—Are Birthday Balls Essential or a Curse? by D. W. Alexander
3:00—Reports and adjournment

Committee:
Edward Bowed,
W. B. Nobles,
R. B. Spencer

THERE'S NO POCKET IN A SHROUD

Use your money while you're living,
Do not hoard it to be proud;
You can never take it with you—
There's no pocket in a shroud.

Gold can help you on no farther
Than the graveyard where you lie,
And though you are rich while living
You're a pauper when you die.

Use it then some lives to brighten,
As through life they weary plod;
Place your bank account in heaven
And grow richer toward your God.

Use it wisely, use it freely,
Do not hoard it to be proud;
You can never take it with you—
There's no pocket in a shroud.

—Author Unknown.

Boys and Girls Corner

JACOB GOES TO JOSEPH IN EGYPT

It was a sad, sad time for poor old Jacob when his sons, Benjamin and all, had gone down to Egypt for food and he was left alone.

He still mourned for Joseph, and now he hardly expected to see Benjamin again, and with the dreadful famine all about him he had little to comfort him unless he remembered that beautiful dream at Bethel, and the promise that the Lord had made to him there. He could not see, as we can see now, how all, even the loss of Joseph, had been done to make good God's promises.

But he could see it when they all came back from Egypt and told him that Joseph was alive, and that he was the ruler over all Egypt. How he had taken them to his home and feasted them and started them back home. How frightened they were when he sent after them and accused them of stealing his silver cup. How the cup was found in Benjamin's sack, and how they had all gone back when they thought he was going to keep Benjamin as a punishment. How Judah, who had put it into their heads to sell Joseph, and had taken his bloody coat back to his father, now begged Joseph to keep him a slave in place of Benjamin; for he could not bear to see his father's grief at the loss of Benjamin.

Judah was surely a changed man since he carried Joseph's blood coat to his father.

Then they told Jacob how Joseph had at last made himself known to them and showed them hom everything had been done to carry out the promise God had made to Jacob at Bethel, and that all was for the best. That there were to be five more years of famine, and that Joseph had sent wagons and all that was needed to take Jacob and all he had down to Egypt to live where Joseph could care for them and keep them until the famine was over.

At first Jacob could not believe them, but when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent, and heard all that they had to tell him of Joseph's power and greatness in Egypt, he said: "It is enough. Joseph, my son, is yet alive, and I will go and see him before I die."

And when he came down to Egypt with all his family, and his flocks and herds, Joseph took him in to see Pharaoh, who gave him the beautiful land of Goshen to live in.

—Selected.

RELIGION VERSUS DICTATORSHIP

The Reverend Henry Smith Leiper, D. D., Executive Secretary Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, New York City

As is often the case with lesser things the understanding of democracy by its friends is being enhanced today through the violent animosities of its foes. Sometimes it would seem as if fascists were more aware of the vital connection between Christianity and democracy than are the citizens of the free democracies.

The reasons for the opposition which totalitarians make to both Judaism and Christianity ought not to be hard to understand. These faiths—one in their origin and one in their basic reading of human destiny—assert that human personality is sacred, that man—as man—has certain inalienable rights. This the totalitarians vehemently deny. These faiths assert that the giver of those sacred rights was the Creator who "made man in his own image and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." The totalitarians deny the existence of a universal creator who is above all races, nations and rulers. These faiths assert that all men are brothers in the one family of God. The totalitarians want nothing to do with universal brotherhood and are intent upon destroying the very concept. These faiths assert that there is a fundamental moral law in the universe which was ordained by the will of God and which represents his universal and unchanging purpose. Totalitarians despise any such view and set up as the final law the arbitrary will of the dictator who is supposed to be above criticism, himself the supreme moral judge of all things. Judaism and Christianity believe that force is never its own justification and that when it is used it must be under the control of law and employed in a cause that is just. Totalitarians assert that the power to use force is the only justification required for its employment.

Judaism and Christianity see man the sinner as the subject of God's mercy requiring redemption that he may rise into newness of life from his error and wrongdoing. The nazis say only a religion of cowards and weaklings could think that man needs redemption. The plain fact is that the totalitarian faiths are themselves

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It is a curious and tremendously important fact that these ideas now endangered are ideas which Jews and Christians have in common. They are the ideas essential to the existence of democracy.

HEIRS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5: 3).

"The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day" (Isa. 2: 11).

Self-righteousness, wherein he trusted then, shall be seen as filthy rags. His strength in which he boasted shall be found by him to be weakness, and he will find now his heart to be deceitful, for then will he see himself just as he is—a poor sinner under the curse of sin and death, and before the judgment of God. Then he is poor in spirit, a mere beggar who must be wholly indebted to God's grace and mercy. He can no more trust in his poverty and rags.

Thus, he cries to the one source for mercy, and that is God through the atonement of Christ Jesus on calvary's cross. But such are blessed because the grace of the kingdom is now in their hearts. Christ has enlightened their understanding that they may know what is the hope of eternal salvation, for they are Christ's; and Christ is God's (I Cor. 3: 23).

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

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I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn. **Zech. 12: 10.**

Strike, mighty grace, my flinty soul,
Till melting waters flow,
And deep repentance drown mine eyes
In undissembled woe.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel 2: 13.

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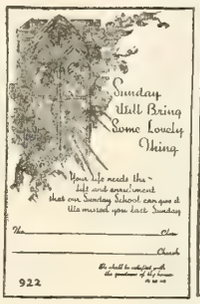

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  In much a valedictory,
The heavy cross brings seeming loss,
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A royal road of goodly deeds,
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  A sweet, uplifting ministry,
A sowing of the fair white seeds
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IN MEMORIAM

This is in memory of my dear Father, Mr. William McKinley Dixon, who died on March 13, 1943. Let us first bow in submission to His will, our heavenly Father, for we are keenly conscious that He is too merciful to be unkind.

Believing in God, and that His love and compassion extends to all people throughout eternity, William McKinley Dixon tried as best he could to fashion his life after that of the lowly Nazarine who, as God and man, walked this earth, teaching the Christian way of living.

He had a high ambition to so live that when he had completed his task on the earth, he could meet his end with calm and repose which was aglow on his face, knowing that the Master was seeing him safely across the valley of the shadow of death, where parting and sorrow are no more.

He was a Christian, a good husband, a good father, and a man who was filled with good-will in heart to all men.

He was a past minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and for many years in his failing health had been an active member of the Whorton Methodist Church where he worshipped and took an active part in all phases of church work.

The memory of seeing his body, as it lay in state at the church for one hour prior to the morning service, and seeing the many beautiful floral designs, and the host of loved ones and friends assembled there, will be everlasting.

Oh Papa, I'll always remember
A death so easy, a shock so painful;
An earthly parting without a farewell,
But only those who have lost can tell.

I could ne'er think life's span so short,
But often to your grave I now will wander;
And recall the words you put asunder,
"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour,
As ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

These last words, you read, loved and taught,
Shall be my guide until higher heights
Shall have been forever wrought.

—Written by a devoted daughter, Mrs. D. Lester Latham

As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it. Isa. 55: 10, 11.

EDITORIAL

Help the Orphanage—

In this issue of the Baptist, Superintendent Woolsey of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage is making a strong appeal, through his letter to the people of the denomination, to render adequate support of the Institution.

According to his appeal, and because of the present drastic war conditions, it is now vitally necessary for the ministers, local churches, and all district church groups to rally to the support of that Home. Certainly the Free Will Baptist people will not, under any circumstances during these critical days, grow careless as to the needs of that institution. They cannot afford to see the home stand in grave need of support to adequately care for the children and the official staff in the home. God would not be pleased with that situation.

In this editorial note, we are urging therefore, that the Free Will Baptist people see to it that this most worthy institution shall be adequately cared for in every way. Let no church or organization fail to send liberal support to this home. May Superintendent Woolsey be speedily assured, by hundreds of Free Will Baptists over the country, that they will stand by him and the dear children in the home. Money and food commodities must be forthcoming, regularly and systematically, to that institution to assure definite and adequate support, and God will greatly bless all who will lend a helping hand by contributing to its needs.

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The Concert Class—

The Concert Class of boys and girls from the Middlesex Orphanage have been out rendering concerts already for a few weeks on their itinerary. They have rendered their program at quite a number of the churches in North Carolina. The concerts have been very good, and the offerings received at most all of the churches where they have gone have been excellent.

There are two main reasons why the offerings are better this year than usual. First, the church people in general are becoming more and more interested in the Middlesex Orphan Home. Then, too, they are growing more liberal in their support of the home. They have come to realize the need of giving more liberally and cheerfully to such a worthy cause. In the second place, the offerings this summer are larger where the Concert Class has already gone because the people are having more money to enable them to contribute larger amounts to the needs of this institution. In the eastern section of the State, the farmers are getting more money for the things which they have to sell. The laboring class of people are earning more for their weekly wages, both on the farm and in the Defense plants. Clerks and official employes are making larger salaries now than they were making last year, and they are able to contribute more to such worthy cause as the Orphan Home at Middlesex. The business men are now finding trading to be at a very high mark. In fact, much money is being freely spent for various things, and quickly circulated week after week by all classes of people, thus enabling the Class to receive good offerings where they go from church to church with their concert.

It is indeed gratifying to Superintendent Evans of the Home, and also to the others in the home. In truth, the church people at large are pleased to see this increase in offerings week by week as the Class renders its program in the different churches in North Carolina. May the offerings continue to be good during the remaining part of the Class intinerary, and may God's blessings rest bountifully upon both the institution, and all who help now and in the future to increase its strength and usefulness from time to time.

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More Half-Time Churches—

There is a growing tendency among some strong rural churches, in some sections of the country, to move up to half-time services each month. Some of these church people and the ministers, seeing the great need of having preaching services more often than twice each month, are advocating going on half-time. That is to say, holding services two Sundays per month instead of one Sunday.

In cases where the local congregations are financially able to support half-time work, we believe this idea should be put into effect. There is certainly a great need in this critical age for more religious work to be carried on wherever and whenever it is possible for it to be done. The forming of good habits through church going and religious activities certainly are commendable in any community. And this is especially true where corruption, crime, and vile wickedness are found today most everywhere. Certainly, all the good possible should be accomplished, both for the old and the young, to offset this rapidly growing situation in our land. The congregation, whose financial strength is sufficient, and whose community stands in great need of additional religious work and influence, should come together and elect pastors for at least half-time service, and co-operate with them in advancing the cause of righteousness among the people in their neighborhood. It is well known by good church people that sin and Satan must be kept in the background, crowded out of the lives and hearts of everyone, and Christ and righteousness must have the right-of-way in the hearts of the people.

Most assuredly, the work of righteousness in this sinful age is greatly needed to be increased everywhere, and all church people should put forth renewed efforts to advance the cause of Christ in every church and community in the land.

Where Is the Lord?

By Leslie Styron
Davis, North Carolina

Since the beginning of the Gentile dispensation, under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, great monarchs have arisen to power. Great numbers of people have been subjugated by them, and put in slavery to satisfy their selfish desires for power. All such empires and emperors have passed into history.

God led out of Egypt two million slaves by the hand of Moses. They were guided by the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. The sparkling water flowed freely from the rock. Manna rained from heaven as pure as the morning dew. One man could chase a thousand in battle, and no army could stand against them. Moses, on returning from the Mount, had to veil his face to dim the exceeding brightness of God's glory. Surely, the Lord was in their midst. Notwithstanding, some were rebellious, God made of them a great nation. This kingdom prospered for many years. But a time came when they forsook the Lord and served idols. Then something happened. Nebuchadnezzar, a heathen king, came with a great army. He destroyed their cities and carried the people away and made slaves of them. Where was the Lord then? He was not with Israel, though they were his chosen people. Some may not agree with me, but according to the Bible He was then working with Nebuchadnezzar, for He calls him "my servant." Surely this wicked king was not doing righteous deeds, but God was only using him to punish Israel for their sins.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." No living man ever before has seen such an hour as now confronts the world. People of practically every inhabited continent on earth are now engaged in the greatest war of all time. Depleted resources and a bankrupt world is inevitable. Millions of human beings have been slain, and doubtless millions more will be offered to the gods of war. What a picture to behold! Yet, in the face of all these things, so very many are giving it no thought. Our minds, our hearts, our conversations are continually on temporal things, pleasure and sin.

Did you see J. Edgar Hoover's recent statement how juvenile crimes were increasing at an alarming rate? Are we making criminals and prostitutes of our boys and girls? He warns us to go back to home life, and to God. What a shame for thousands of our soldiers (civilians as well) staggering about drunk, fighting, because we as a nation want them to have their booze.

Where is the Lord? I verily believe the principles of freedom and religious worship for which we stand are right in the sight of the Lord, but we must not use this as a cloak, if we are inwardly full of corruption and expect God to bless us. Who knows if God has not allowed this calamity to come upon us to punish the whole world for sins. God forbid that I should be partisan or unpartisan in a time like this, but I am fearful of the fact that the mind of our people are deluded by visualizing a post-war world in which people will be free from fear and want. If it were possible to achieve this goal by our own power, naturally we would soon feel so independent we would have no need of God. Nebuchadnezzar cried through self-exultation, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by my own might and power, and for the honor of my majesty?" No nation nor set of nations, nor ruler or set of rulers can ever bring lasting peace to this sinful earth.

Please read Zech. 14; Dan. 7; Rev. 13. When Jesus comes to set up his earthly reign, He will find the nations engaged in the greatest war of all time. It will be Him alone that will free this earth from fear and want when Satan and all sin have been cast into the bottomless pit. Micah 4: 4 says, "But they shall sit every man under his own vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid."

Had we lived righteous lives and had given ourselves, and our means to make a better world, we then might have escaped this great trouble in which we find ourselves today. But now we are asked to give twenty percent of our income, and fight a bloody war in which millions will be killed, including many of our sons. We have heaped together treasures for the last days. James says, "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten, your gold and your silver are cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton: Ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."

Friends, God is not dead. He has been very patient in past years. He has suffered long with us, but doubtless now He is allowing sin to reap a world harvest. If you will listen very prayerfully even now in this world of strife, you can hear that still small voice. Elijah stood trembling on the mount as he saw a great fire, a terrific wind, and an earthquake that shook the rocks. How terrible it must have been, but the Lord was not in it. But, lo, a still small voice, that was God.

I stood by the side of the flowing stream. The gentle southerly breeze was wafting the fragrant perfume from the flowers growing there in late May. The sun was lowering in the west, and I stood in the midst of nature, and found myself overwhelmed in the presence of God. I said surely the Lord is here. As I stood rejoicing, the roar of explosions could be heard in the direction of the ocean, for I was only three miles away. It was a submarine sinking a ship. I said men are dying now. Then my soul cried out, "O Lord, where art thou?" And He

showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb.

Let us praise the Lord when this troubled life is over, and trying hours of seeing our loved ones leave us are finished, for we then shall sit on the bank of that river, feasting on the heavenly manna with our soldier boys, and the redeemed who have gone on before. But best of all we shall see our Lord and Saviour face to face. Praise His holy name!

We had taken our little man from an infant and had taught him to know the Lord. I would take him in my lap, and show him pictures of the old saints, and how he did enjoy it. He would leave his playthings anytime to hear me tell him the old story. He gave his heart to the Lord when he was fourteen. God knows I have not idolized him. My desire was for him to serve the Lord. He is now twenty. Friends, he is not with us now. He is in the armed forces down at New Orleans. He waited patiently with mother and me on that chilly February morning, looking through the darkness for a light that was soon to appear from a bus which was to take him away. Suddenly, I said Reg, I see the light now, and it stopped at our door. Some people cannot tell how we felt at that moment. He arose and looked into our faces and said, "Papa, I guess I'll have to go now." I placed my arms around his broad shoulders, and whispered softly, "God bless you and keep you 'till we meet again."

My Christian friends, that was the darkest hour we have ever experienced. Our only son leaving us to go to war. Would we ever see him again? I stood in the darkness and watched those lights disappear in the distance. With no earthly help in sight, I found myself bewildered. Then my soul cried out, Where is the Lord? Praise His holy name, I heard a voice speaking to my soul from heaven, saying, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And again, "A thousands shall fall at thy side; ten thousands at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." Praise the Lord for a Saviour that will lead us through the darkest night. Christian friends, many of you can share these things with us. Will you pray as you never have prayed before? Pray without ceasing. Pray everywhere.

O righteous Father, if it be possible, save our nation from this awful scourge. If we have sinned and we confess many have wandered far away, and if we must suffer for our transgressions, and if it can be thy will, cause us to suffer in some other way. Lord, you gave David of old a choice. O righteous Father, we can suffer hunger. We can be stripped of our earthly possessions. If we must put on sackcloth, and be made humble, and bow to bring us to Thee, thy will be done. O Lord, open thine eyes and see, and incline thine ear and hear, hearken and do for thy people who are called by thy name!

A PREACHING PARADE

By M. L. Hollis

If there was ever a time in the history of the world when we need to put on a real preaching parade in all our churches, conferences and associations its surely now. Sin of all kinds are being practiced now by church members, as well as those who do not confess any faith in Christ. No wonder that there are so many churches just like icebergs, no spirituality, no passion for the lost about them. Revival fires are gone out. Many have given over to Formalism, Ritualism and worldliness.

When a people puts business before the preaching of the GOSPEL of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are headed toward a fall, and great will be the fall. Paul went everywhere, preaching Christ, and he said, "I would know nothing while among you, save Jesus and Him crucified." Christ and Him crucified was the burden of the Apostolic preaching, and Christ said, just before ascending into Heaven, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." He did not say, go and hold business meetings in order to promote your own interests, but that is what some of the political ecclesiastics are trying to do. Some are saying away with the preaching of Christ and Him crucified. There are committee meetings, and hand picked at that, and just a chosen few to attend these meetings. It is a business Parade, an Intellect display, for they say is what we need now. Away with your preaching. That is what it sounds like, as some of the Free Will Baptist leaders are saying. A bunch of bigots in Pilate's judgment hall, nineteen hundred years ago, cried out against the Christ, saying, "Away with Him, Crucify Him, Crucify Him."

The thing that the Free Will Baptists need, above everything else, is for the ministers to put everything else behind them, giving Christ first place in their life and work, and then we can put on a preaching parade that will run Satan out of our churches, and enlist the entire membership into a Holy Crusade against sin and unrighteousness everywhere. Then souls will be won to Christ. By winning souls, I mean to get people to trust in Jesus Christ and be born again. I am not talking about getting a sinner to reform, I am not talking about getting him to set out to live a better life or turning over a new leaf. I mean getting the sinner to make a definite committal of his soul to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to depend on Him for forgiveness and salvation.

ATTENTION

Owing to prevailing conditions and circumstances, for which no one can be held responsible, the Sunday School and League Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina will not hold its regular session this year. This notice is given for the benefit of those who might expect to attend, and for the benefit of Rose Hill Church, Pitt County, where the Convention was scheduled to be held.

W. C. Owens, Chairman,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Acting Secy.

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A CALL TO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1: 16-18.

Nations, like individuals, may sin and suffer for it. All nations have sinned and have suffered under the righteous judgments of Almighty God. Individual sin caused the first murder; national sin is the cause of this last great murder which we call the second World War.

Now the nations long for peace—a real lasting peace—which will not be a feverish preparation for another war. The world hates war. But what the people must learn to hate, with a passionate hatred, is the sin which is the cause of war.

While sin rules in national life, war will rule as a policy in national councils. The nations are not at peace with God and therefore cannot be at peace with one another. No nation on earth has accepted God's universal law of love. They have put self-interest first; therefore they quarrel. As Lincoln said in one of his great proclamations, calling for humiliation and prayer, "We have forgotten God."

Our country has been suffering for more than a decade from a great depression. With the exception of a few who have become rich, the great body of our people have lost much of what they had. And the loss in finance and industry has been equaled by the decline in piety and morals.

The teaching of God's Word is that no calamity has ever come to any nation but for its sin. The curse is never without a cause. The path of history is strewn with the wrecks of nations that have died because of their sin. Israel, God's chosen people, is the great example of a nation that has sinned and suffered.

What are the sins that bring judgments, like war, on a nation? The great sin of human slavery culminated in the Civil War. The World War was caused by distrust of men and of God. This second World War has been caused by human pride, ambition, greed and nationalism, the glorification of self. In America, when we should have repented of our sins, we brought back the liquor traffic which has engulfed our people in a tide of strong drink with all its attendant evils, vice, crime and poverty. The movies which might have been a power for good have, for the most part, become a power for evil. Another sin which threatens national life is disregard for the Lord's Day, that day given by the Lord for man's rest and God's worship.

The great issue in America, the national sin that leaves us naked before our enemies, is our failure to recognize that Jesus Christ is King, the Lord of the nation's life. The United States finds no place in her "supreme law" for the authority of Jesus Christ, but has written instead, "We, the people . . . do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America," excluding all recognition of the law of God and of His appointed King. When we declared our independence of the King of England, we should not have added our independence of the King of kings.

How shall the nations get right with God? There is a way and that way is through repentance and pardon. The only authoritative code of ethics in existence says, "Except ye repent," ye shall never find the way. Individual repentance gets a man right with God; national repentance gets a nation right with God.

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent." This will mean sorrow for sin; it will mean turning away from sin, and the greatest sin of all, the rejection of Jesus Christ in our national life. This will bring pardon and acceptance with God. In such repentance is real national defense.

"If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to pull down and to destroy it: if that nation concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil which I thought to do unto them."

—The Witness Committee
—Selected

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

I want to use as a basis for this passage four verses of scripture which are found in Exodus 20: 8-11, being a part of the Ten Commandments. God meant what He said and said what He meant.

I believe it was Voltaire, a Frenchman, an enemy of truth, who said, "We cannot destroy Christian religion until we destroy the Christian Sabbath."

First, it was called a Holy Day. Next a Holiday. Next Sunday, and today, a funday, or sinday.

Dear hearts, let's do a little serious thinking. Isn't it true that the less we observe the Sabbath, the farther from God we get, and less we care for the Church?

In the 8th verse, He said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy." He makes it clear in this verse that there is something to remember, not add to, neither take from. But remember what is recorded, the "Original." It is plainly taught to keep this day Holy.

The 9th verse deals with labor, the six days of toil. In these He said, "Do all your labor."

In the 10th verse he changes from labor to rest by saying, "The 7th day is a Sabbath of the Lord, thy God." In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, thy son, thy daughter, thy servants, nor thy cattle, neither the stranger that is within thy gates."

In fact, the Sabbath is a rest day for everything that labors.

For comparison, let's use Spain and Scotland as an example. For hundreds of years Spain has used the Sabbath for sports, but today she is reaping the fruits of Sabbath desecration. But Scotland has observed the Sabbath more than any other nation, and is producing strong men physically, spiritually, and mentally —great missionaries, and preachers.

The Christian Sabbath means more than a rest from labor. It represents a thousand years or one-seventh of the allotted time promised us. Literally, it means rest from labor, but spiritually, it means the Millennium or thousand years when Satan will be chained in the pit. Yes, we will be free from the Devil's power and temptations for one-thousand years.

Now, we come to the eleventh verse. God always proved a thing before He gave it to the family of men. He proved his natural and spiritual ability in the creation. He told what he did each day of the week, but on the seventh day He rested. In this verse He said that He made Heaven and earth in six days. Please remember, in another place, this great man of creation said, "Take me as your example." I hear some say, "This was not intended for us today. We do things different from that today."

Yes,, the disciples said, "Come see our fine temple we have built." Here was his answer, "I am not interested in your houses built by hands." Not one stone from this building will be left upon another. Yes, the Christian Sabbath is a figure or shadow of the Millennium as water baptism is a shadow of the burial of Christ. Both the baptism and Sabbath observance is needful. One is a church ordinance, the other, He said, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy," which is for us to live as God commanded. That is what Holiness is. Remembering to put in practice a Godly life, living out the realities of his salvation.

Yes, the Frenchman was right who said that you could not destroy the Christian Church until the Christian Sabbath is destroyed.

Dear hearts, stop, look, and consider what our trouble is today—Sabbath desecration. Show me a man or woman that disregards the Sabbath Day, and I will show you some ungodly people that care very little, if anything for the Church of Christ. Dear hearts, look what Sabbath desecration has brought on America, and if America doesn't hear these words in our text, and the church does not get back in place, and remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy, there is something worse ahead.

A woe is awaiting us. God help us to hear and put in practice the words of our text.

HOSPITALITY

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13: 2).

The Apostle to the Gentiles in the above text points to the blessing of hospitality. The persons we meet in everyday life may not have first-class appearances all the time, but we, as followers of the Lord Jesus, should administer to their needs. Many times some of the noblest hearts are financially depressed, and a few gentle words coupled with brotherly assistance will fill them with joy and will lift them over a hard place in life.

One will find also in the Scriptures that angels from heaven have come to the earth, and have talked with people on many occasions. The angels are undoubtedly God's recorders of men and women's lives, and we should try to see that the common people are entertained or cared for. If they have children, these children should be encouraged to get a better education, if possible, both from a secular and a spiritual point of view. Christ taught the meek and lowly of heart while He lived here upon earth. The Apostle Peter received at his hands both literal and spiritual training during the three years of teaching of the Master. This training was in the "Solitude School of God" which was taught by His Son Jesus the Christ. The writers of the New Testament stand as proof of the high grade of Christ's wonderful teachings, as well as of His great spiritual power.

The greatest gift that has ever been given to the poor, or will ever be given is the knowledge of the Master which will enable them to maintain themselves in times of great struggle to care for their families. I have known some children who were destitute of even a home, but who were reared and educated by others, and who have made the very best of citizens.

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have been reading the Baptist paper, and should like to say that I get great pleasure from reading the fine messages published in it.

God has saved me, and I should like for everyone to know of my wonderful experience. I was taken ill one night after having attended the cottage prayer meeting which was led by Mrs. Ream. At that time I was not a saved person. The Lord became real to me that evening, and I yielded unto His call, and I was saved.

Kind friend, if you are a sinner today, do not wait to be on your bed of afflictions, but please accept Christ as your personal Saviour, for through Him there is real happiness. I would not surrender my faith in Christ for anything in the world. And I want all of the Christian people to pray for me. Pray that I might be able to do something worthwhile for my Lord, for that is my great desire.

When you feel that you are in your darkest hours, Christ will always come to your rescue.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. Ruth Kennedy,
816 E. Gordon Street,
Kinston, North Carolina

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*

Middlesex, N. C. Greenville, Tenn.

FORM OF BEQUEST

Date_____

"I give and bequeath to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Incorporated, Middlesex, N. C., the amount of $_____.

Name_____

Address_____"

A gift may be made_____you may include an amount in Life Insurance. We can use War Bonds series "F." Your gifts to this cause are not taxable and may be deducted in your income tax returns.

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FOURTH WEEK'S REPORT OF CONCERT CLASS

Sarecta	$ 15.25
Cabin	40.00
Sandy Plain L. A. S.	5.00
Sandy Plain Church	55.00
Beulaville	62.96
Bethlehem	53.78
Laniers Chapel	25.00
Long Ridge	40.10
Total	$297.09

(Miss) Faustina Sheron, Mgr.

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TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Greenville, Tennessee, Route 9

Dear Friend:

We have launched forth on our fourth year at the Home. Although we managed to keep the income equal or above our expense account, we find it increasingly hard to do so. There are so many calls made upon the generosity of the people. It is only reasonable that one that is driven home with the most force is the one to receive the most consideration. Because of the rationing of tires and gasoline and the shortage of labor, I find that I make fewer visits each week. The inevitable results are that several of the churches which were regular contributors to the Home send only now and then. Again several Associations had field workers to keep the need of the Home before the people. Most of these have been forced to quit. Our pople have never failed to support the Orphanage when its needs were put before them. It now becomes necessary for some member of each Free Will Baptist Church to assume this responsibility or we must face defeat.

God has blessed this work in a wonderful way, but if we are to continue on and serve humanity, we must get better and a more regular system of giving. Some of our churches send quarterly and some take the 5th Sunday offering. For this we are truly thankful and may they continue to do so. But what would once meet the needs of the Home must be supplemented by additional funds. Every week our expenses are higher. The cost of living is continuing to increase and as time passes the greater is the expense. We have obtained a large part of our income by taking the children to visit various churches. Churches that send a few dollars once a month or probably not at all would give twenty or thirty dollars in a general collection following a program by the children. You can readily see that if we are to hold our own we must make up this loss somehow.

It is true that if we are to survive the hard times just ahead, we must make every preparation now. This is your work; you have made it possible, and God has prospered it from the very beginning. Some said it could not be done. All things are possible with Him. He has moved people all over our beloved denomination to respond in almost a miraculous manner. Again and again it seemed as though the door would close but each time God has impressed His people to so pray, work and give that we were able to do more and greater things in His Name and for His Glory. We know that in this crisis, that if we put our faith in Him, He will lead us to victory.

Please make it your responsibility to see that the work and needs of the Home is constantly kept before your people. Anyone or churches wishing to help both war effort and Home may send money to be applied on a war bond. The next few months will shape the entire future of the Home. Thanking you for everything and realizing that our people, under God, will back the Home a hundred percent,

We are yours in His Name,

Paul Woolsey, Supt.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary North Carolina Association

Do You Know?

First—**"That All Men Are Sinners?"**

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23).

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53: 6).

"There is not a just man on earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccle. 7: 20).

Second—**That You Must Die? Then to Judgment Go?**

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9: 27).

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14: 10).

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17: 31).

Third—**To Reach Heaven That Ye Must Be Born Again?**

"Jesus answered and said unto him, (Nicodemus) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old?" . . "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3-5).

Fourth—**That Faith in Christ Produces the New Birth?**

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments" (I John 5: 1, 2).

Fifth—**That the Believer Hath the Witness in Himself?**

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; He that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I John 5: 9, 10).

Sixth—**That the Believer Hath an Advocate?**

"My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2: 1, 2).

Eighth—**That God Loves Sinners?**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, (Christ) should not perish, but have everlasting life" (St. John 3: 16).

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5: 8).

Why not take God's sure Word, rather than man's religion, that so many are following after? Why not believe the whole Bible, instead of a Bible full of holes? Why try to be saved, or try to hire God to save you by making business promises in what is called "prayer?" Take your salvation the Bible way. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31). "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (notice that it says, "THROUGH FAITH") and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephe. 28-10).

So, sinners, can only BELIEVE on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, with perfect yielding of all sin—body, soul and spirit, and know that they are saved. WHY? BECAUSE GOD SAYS SO. Not by works; not by agonizing; not by doing "penance" or causing the body to suffer. Christ did the "agonizing." Christ did the "SUFFERING." He did all, that we might BELIEVE ON HIM, and thereby, be SAVED. SINNER WILL YOU ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOUR RIGHT NOW? If, you will accept Christ now, in all sincerity, and faith, just sign your name on the line below and return to this writer.

I hereby, realizing that I am a sinner, lost without Christ, do accept God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as my personal SAVIOUR.

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State _____

SEX MADNESS

A mid-western city is excited. It has known scores of moronic attacks on women and several murders in these attacks. One fiend under arrest, has confessed to fifty crimes of that type. Women's organizations have called special meetings and have taken action, demanding the suppression or segregation of these filthy beasts. "Is your sister safe on the city streets?" asks a streaming, screaming headline in the daily paper.

While the women are aroused, and rightly so, about these sex crimes, may we venture to suggest to them the wisdom and decency of changing some of the apparel they are wearing? If women insist on dressing in such a manner as to fan lust, and mothers adorn their little daughters so as to accent their physical charms, they must recognize they are catering to the over-development of sex interest and sex consciousness, which is one of the age characteristics. There is little doubt that the average man does not give much thought to the kind of dress or undress he meets. But the unclean imagination must find much upon which to feed in modern dress.

—In Moody Monthly

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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STONY CREEK AID REPORT

The annual report of the Stony Creek Women's Auxiliary is as follows:

Number of active members ------31
New members ----------3
Average attendance ----------21
Subscriptions secured to the Baptist paper ----------21

Activities

Visits to the sick ----------674
Trays taken to the sick --------62
Flowers to the sick ----------66
Funeral designs ----------7
Bible chapters read ----------672
Gallons of milk given to the needy ----------142
Cards sent ----------166

Receipts

Dues collected ----------$40.59
Money collected otherwise -- 86.59

Gifts According to Convention Plan

To the Orphanage ----------$71.52
To Superannuation --------- 5.00
To Foreign Missions -------- 5.60
To Home Missions ---------- 35.74
To Christian Education ----- 20.00

Donations

Commodities to the needy ----$13.50
Balance in the local treasury-$35.95

Mrs. J. C. Sasser, President
Mrs. Oliver Smith, Secretary

THE DOOM OF THE WICKED

The Bible says that the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. There is a lake of fire where the wicked people who reject God will be cast; where they will suffer the wages of sin throughout an endless eternity. When the Lord Jesus comes to judge the world, He will punish all who are not His followers, with a fearful punishment. All who are found impenitent and unbelieving; all who have clung to sin and have set their affections on things below; all such shall come to an awful end. In Rev. 20: 15 we read, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." The wicked shall be cast into the lake of fire. The wicked shall be cast into hell. In Psa. 55: 15 we find these words, "Let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them." There are some people who think that if they never do anything very wicked God will not send them to hell. But God is going to keep Heaven pure; and if there is only one sin in your life, unforgiven, it will bar you from Heaven. Sometimes we hear people say, "Oh, I'll take a chance!" But there is no chance to it. If you live in sin; so you must die. If you tread the road to hell, you must arrive there at the end. There need be no doubt about that. You can not escape the doom of a godless, Christless life, when God, who cannot lie, has plainly declared that "the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience," and "tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil."

Rev. 21: 8 says: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Hell is eternal, everlasting, unquenchable, never-dying. Hell will have many inhabitants. Matt. 7: 13 says, "Broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Many people will go there who do not expect to. They will be like the rich man of whom we read in Luke 16. They will lift up their eyes in hell. The inhabitants of hell will be a mixed crowd of people. Some will be church members, some Gentiles, some Jews. The rich and the poor will be there, the gamblers, the drunkards, the murderers, the thieves, and the liars. Some will be yellow men, some will be black, others be brown, some red and some white. It will be a horrible sight.

Hell will be full of intense and unutterable woe. There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. In the ninth chapter of Mark, the Savior speaks three times of a worm that never dies and a fire that never shall be quenched.

Hell is a terrible reality. Think of it, friends, if you reject God, live a wicked and sinful life, and are not willing to confess your sins, and have them forgiven and blotted out, after death you will have to meet God in the judgment. You will be judged by the Word of God, and will hear those awful words, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

The day of salvation will be past; mercy's door will be closed forever; and you, (my unsaved friend), will be cast into hell, a lost soul. And then the worm that never dies will coil its slimy folds around your naked heart, the flames of damnation will wrap your soul in shrouds of eternal misery. You will wish for a drop of water to quench that raging thirst, but there will be no water there. You will look for a friend, but will not find any; all will be your enemies. You will be as if alone, and yet multitudes will be there. They will gnash on you with their teeth, they will trample you under their feet. You will scream for help, but no one will come to your aid. There will be none to help you, none to say it will soon be over; your suffering will be forever.

Hell will be an awful place, and it is not necessary that any of us should spend our eternity in that place of torment, for God does not want any to be lost, but wants all to come to repentance.

Christ has done everything possible, so that you and I might be saved, and if we are lost it will be our own fault. God has given us His Word. He has made it plain, and

we are going to be judged by it in the last day. God has done His part, and we must decide whom we are going to serve, and on which road we are going to travel. One warning I want to give and that is this, Remember, friends, there is a way to keep out of hell, but when once you get there, there will be no way to get out.—Gospel Herald.

—Selected by Minnie D. Mason.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

DO YOU KNOW: Some professors pass for very meek, good-natured people, until you displease them. They resemble a pool or a pond, which, while you let it alone, looks clear and limpid; but, if you put in a stick and stir the bottom, the rising sediment soon discovers the impurity that lurks beneath.—Sel.

LOOKING FOR JESUS

Are you burdened? are you weary?
Is your pathway dark and dreary?
Look to Jesus—He is the Light!
He truly makes your pathway bright.

Are your burdens too hard to bear?
With none to comfort or to care?
Look to Jesus! He is the way;
He turns your darkness into day.

And is your courage almost gone?
With ne'er a prayer or ne'er a song?
And your days only constant strife?
Look to Jesus—"He is our Life."

Has disappointment and despair
Overcast all your visions rare?
With happiness a slender rope,
Look to Jesus, He is our Hope.

Have you let darkness settle down?
Hiding a smile, showing a frown?
Forgetting to love, or favor?
Look to Jesus! He's our Savior!

Look far away from self and sin,
Look to Jesus and follow Him;
He then will give you joy and peace,
And all your worries then will cease.

—By Mrs. C. E. Rinus (90 years old), Sibley, Iowa.

—In Christian Victory

I'M GOING HOME

T. O. Chisholm

"I will arise and go to my father."
—Luke 15: 18.

I am resolved no longer here to stay;
I'm going home!
With nothing left of all I brought away,
I'm going home!
These siren voices charm no more;
I perish here with hunger sore;
My Father hath abundant store;—
I'm going home! I'm going home!

Tho' sadly changed by years of sin and shame,
I'm going home!
God's changeless love and mercy all my claim,
I'm going home!
I'll tell Him all the wrong I've done,
How, worthy not to be His son,
I crave a servant's place alone;—
I'm going home! I'm going home!

Within my heart what tender mem'ries throng!
I'm going home!
I wonder why I've stayed away so long;—
I'm going home!
It seems but yesterday that I
Left home beneath a sunny sky,
And now—with tears I cannot dry—
I'm going home! I'm going home!

I've grieved Him so, yet welcome, look to find;
I'm going home!
God will to me, His erring child, be kind;
I'm going home!
I seem to hear Him calling me!
He's waiting, my return to see!
What joy to meet Him it will be!
I'm going home! I'm going home!

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24: 25.

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GOD'S EXCEEDING GREAT PROMISES

(Lesson for June 13)

Lesson: II Pet. 1: 1-11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature" (II Pet. 1: 4).

It is an established fact that no text of Scripture should ever be studied apart from its context; but have you considered the significant background of this Golden Text? This context consists of the omniscience of God, the perfect wisdom of Jesus Christ, and the entire contents of the Holy Bible, both the Old Testament and the New! Our grace and peace are multiplied in us and to us in exact proportion to our knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and of our Heavenly Father. God's power, in turn, is limited only by His knowledge of us. Therefore, God gave to His people, in and for all ages, certain promises that are as immutable as the very essence of Deity, all of which are found in His Written Word.

This is a premise often stated in Scripture, that the rich promises of God should be an incentive to decency of conduct. Paul states, in II Cor. 7: 1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." John speaks in the same strain, when he says in I Jn. 3: 3, for "Every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Thus we see the very practical aspect of God's promises to the redeemed; they act as a deterrent to wrongdoing, and are an incentive to Godly behavior. The point is emphasized in our Golden Text, which sets out two distinct things accomplished by the "precious promises" of God: First, they engender in us the Divine nature; secondly, they deliver us from the corruption and lust which characterize the present evil age.

The descriptive phrases which define these promises of God are among the strongest words in human vocabularies. The "promises" are not only "precious" and "great", but they are "exceeding great and precious"!

They are too numerous to catalogue here, but set your mind to the study of their nature and number, and make your own list. They contain offers of

Salvation from sin;
Escape from temptation;
Victory over self and Satan;
Wisdom in Heavenly matters;
Instruction for daily living;
Assurance of eternal life;
Rewards for service;
A resurrection body;

Eternal fellowship with Christ; and a hundred other graces and blessings which cannot be derived or procured from any other source or by any other means.

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Faith is precious because of its source and also because of its power (II Pet. 1: 1).

2. God's blessings increase by multiplication as well as by addition (vs. 2).

3. God is so generous that He has held back absolutely nothing that will help us in the Christian life (vs. 3).

4. Precious faith is able to lay hold of precious promises (vs. 4).

5. We are not mere imitations of Christ, but we have been made to share in the very nature of God (vs. 4).

6. There is no escape from the corruption of this world except through Divine power (vs. 4).

7. Diligence is an essential requirement of the Christian who desires to make spiritual progress (vs. 5).

—Selected

8. Faith is the foundation and love the capstone of the Christian's life structure (vss. 5-7).

9. Those who become so careless as to forget that their sins have been purged are in the way to sever their personal relationship with the Lord. When this takes place, there is the urgent need of repentance, confession, and rededication on the part of the fallen one, or he will find himself alienated from God. (vs. 9.)

—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. There are about 33,000 promises in the Bible.

11. Our **Advanced Quarterly has** many fine truths. "The Christian life is a busy life," and many more.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

1. God's Promise of Immortality

In the heart of every human being is the positive answer to the question: "If a man die, shall he live again"? But how vague and shadowy is the future life where Christ, "the Resurrection, and the Life" is not known! It is Christ "who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (II Tim. 1: 10). A small boy from a non-Christian home had been brought into the Sunday School. On Easter Sunday, the lad was all attention as the teacher spoke of the resurrection of Christ's body from the grave. He hastened home as fast as his little feet would carry him. Said he to his mother, who had a morbid fear of death, "Oh, Mother, you needn't be afraid of dying any more, for Jesus went through the grave and left a light behind!" (Read Lu. 20: 36; John 8: 51; Rom. 2: 7.)

2. To Godliness Brotherly Kindness

"Look all around you, find someone in need,
Help somebody to-day!
Though it be little—a neighborly deed—
Help somebody to-day!

"Many are waiting a kind, loving word ,

Help somebody to-day!
Thou hast a message, O let it be heard,
Help somebody to-day!

"Some are discouraged and weary in heart,
Help somebody to-day!
Someone the journey to Heaven should start,
Help somebody to-day!

—Mrs. Frank A. Breck

FOURTH CENTRAL UNION REPORT

The Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Ottis Creek Church on Saturday, May 29, 1943. It was opened with song, and prayer which was offered by Rev. J. W. Wooten. Mrs. C. W. Owens made the address of welcome, and Raymond Hart responded. The visiting brethren were invited to have seats with us. Rev. Marshall Joyner was present and made a few remarks. The moderator then appointed the following committees: Barney Kirby, Raymond Hart and R. L. Owens as Finance; Rev. J. W. Wooten, C. W. Owens, D. E. Everett as Sunday School; Rev. W. L. Hart, Mrs. Cobb, and Wooten as Orphanage; J. E. Edmondson, Elmer Hinson, and Arthur Jones as Education; and as Program Committee, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Sisters Proctor, and Crisp.

The following is the list of ministers: Present, C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, J. W. Wooten, N. D. Beaman, E. L. Abrams, P. C. Wiggs. Those absent were M. E. Tyson, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor, H. T. Sowers, and N. D. Tyson. The licentiates present were W. F. Newell, and W. H. Webb absent. A motion was made to receive Rev. Marshall Joyner as a member of our union at this time. It was moved and carried to receive N. L. Gupton's license and to discontinue his name at his request. By motion we empower Brother Kirby to reimburse Sister Eason to the amount of $9.53.

List of Churches Represented

Walnut Creek by letter	$3.00
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Saratoga by W. R. Owens and Maggie Proctor	2.00
Antioch by Barney Kirby and J. E. Edmondson	3.50
Little Creek, Va. by J. W. Barnes	3.00

Next we had preaching service, and Brother J. W. Wooten preached, Rev. P. C. Wiggs not being present. After preaching the petitions for the next union meeting were taken up and the vote was in favor of Friendship in Greene County. It will convene on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1943. Rev. W. L. Hart is to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. Abrams on his failure. A letter was read from Rev. J. C. Griffin in regards to the Six Point Program. It was moved and carried to adopt the Six Point Program. Then an offering was taken for Home and Foreign Missions which amounted to $12.72. The clerk was instructed to send half of this amount to Brother James A. Evans, and the other to Rev. Chester Pelt. An offering was taken for the Orphanage and the amount was $16.00. The union called off for dinner.

The union re-assembled, and was called to order, and the song service was led by Rev. P. C. Wiggs. A motion was passed for the treasurer to pay Rev. Hamilton $15.00 for mission work. Then the different committees were asked to make their reports. The treasurer's report was as follows:

On hand from last union	$ .95
Received at this union	46.43
Total	47.38

Disbursements

Paid to clerk	$ 6.00
Donated to Ottis Creek Church	25.00
To the Orphanage	9.00
To Christian education	7.38
Total paid out	$47.38

A motion was made to extend a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The union was closed and benediction was offered by Rev. Hart.

Rev. C. D. Hamilton, Moderator
R. R. Bailey, Clerk and Treas.

"MY HEART IS FIXED, O GOD"

By Mrs. Katie Cameron Ward

I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. 31: 3.

My thoughts are fixed on Jesus
In the long and weary night,
I find no other solace,
I need no other light.
The cares of daytime vanish,
And fears and phantoms flee,
For I am dear to Jesus,
And He is dear to me.

My hopes are fixed on Jesus;
Now I am lone and old,
The dreams of life have faded,
My tale is nearly told,
But shall I be rejected
As I deserve to be?
No, I am dear to Jesus,
And He is dear to me.

My heart is fixed on Jesus,
This wandering heart of mine,
No words its peace can picture,
Its blessedness define;
My hopes were never brighter,
"The best is yet to be,"
For I am dear to Jesus,
And He is dear to me.

—Selected

Boys and Girls Corner

JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT

Among the twelve sons of Jacob was one that he loved more than any other. Indeed, he was so fond of him that all the others, except Benjamin, who was his younger brother, came to hate him.

Jacob and his sons were shepherds, and as their flocks were very large, they had sometimes to take them a long way to find pasture, and would often be gone a long time.

Once the older brothers had been a long time from home, and Jacob told Joseph to go and see them, and find how they were and how the flocks were cared for, and to come back to let him know. And Joseph set off at once to obey.

Jacob did not know how the others hated Joseph, or he would not have sent him. As soon as they saw him coming they made up their minds to get rid of him, and some of them wanted to kill him.

There was one, Reuben, the oldest of them, who did not want this done, and he got them to put Joseph into a pit, intending to get him out again and take him back to his father.

Jacob had given Joseph a very beautiful coat of many colors, and this coat they took away from him and put him down into a deep pit until they should decide what to do with him.

While they were eating, along came a caravan of merchants on the way from Arabia to Egypt, and Judah, one of the brothers, said to the others: "Let us sell him to these merchants, and they will sell him into slavery in Egypt, and we shall never see him again."

And so they sold their brother to the merchants for twenty pieces of silver, and the merchants took him away to Egypt.

Reuben was not there when this was done, but had gone away expecting to come back and get Joseph out of the pit and take him home to his father.

When he came to the pit and found it empty he was so much distressed that he tore his clothes for grief. He could not bear to think of his father's sorrow when he learned that his dear Joseph was gone.

MY LITTLE BOY AND HIS SOLE-WORN SHOES

I found today stored away upon a closet shelf a little pair of worn-sole shoes that were worn by my little curly head.

I picked them up and held them close. Soon I was blinded with tears, for in these shoes that are so scar-

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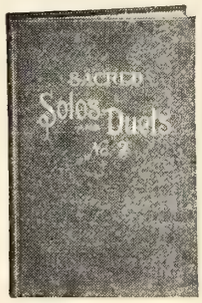

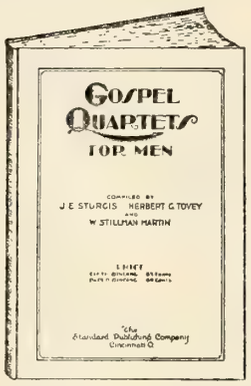

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red and worn tiny feet once kept me company.

They take me back on memory lane of eighteen years ago. Days were filled with peace and heavenly joy—of Mother and little boy. It seems only yesterday that I listened to his baby talk, and the jingling of baby toys as he played upon the floor.

And when the day had passed and night shadows fell, I could see old "Sandman" had come, when he would rub his little eyes and say, "Mommy, please won't you put me to bed."

It was the pride and joy of my heart to have a little boy to dress in solid white; then have him kneel so gently there as he folded little hands with care. When he said in baby voice, "Now, I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." When he had finished with his little prayer, I kissed his cheek and put him to bed with tender care. Then I sang to my little curly-head a nightly lullaby.

Eighteen years have now passed; years that were filled with peace and joy—but the road that now travels to war has brought parting from my boy.

He is now quite a man to fall in line for Uncle Sam. Tall and handsome with brown eyes and curly hair, he marched away the other day to do his part for our U. S. A.

I saw him board a train for Service; he had to go; his head held high, and with a smile, not a tear filled his eyes.

He's not today a little boy, as several years ago, but in my heart, I trust to God he will not forget to pray.

This road to war is a winding one, which leads to many fronts. I trust in a Master, strong and great, to guide my only son. When this cruel war is over, and peace restored to earth, I ask of the dear Lord Jesus to guide my boy safely home.

Mrs. W. C. Blackmon,
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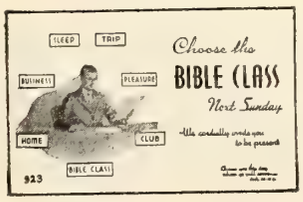

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FAITH! WHAT FAITH?

Makers of books cry,
"Faith—have faith."
Editors sigh,
"Have faith—have faith."
The world is rough and harsh today;
Warmongers now have had their way;
But commentators all will say,
"Have faith—have faith."

But faith in whom?
This faith, bland faith,
In the sure doom
Of blank unfaith?
Or the soon end of all who hate?
Dictators' fall at some near date?
What do you promise—why so late
With faith—keen faith?

God in His Word says,
"Faith—have faith."
He is the Lord;
Have faith, strong faith.
Make Him the object of it all;
If Christ you trust, you cannot fall;
Believingly His name you call
With faith, plain faith.

—Will H. Houghton
—In Moody Monthly

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A PSALM OF LIFE

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
  Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
  And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! life is earnest!
  And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
  Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow
  Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
  Find us further than today.

Art is long, and time is fleeting,
  And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
  Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
  In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
  Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no future, howe'er pleasant!
  Let the dead past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living present!
  Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
  We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
  Footprints on the sand of time—

Footprints, that perhaps another,
  Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
  Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
  With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
  Learn to labor and to wait.

—*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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PALMETTO LEAGUE

Our League met at the home of Claudie Wilson for our regular meeting. We opened the meeting by singing that beautiful hymn, "The Highway of Life." Then all joined in by repeating together the Lord's Prayer. We had the minutes read and the roll called. We had three new members. The dues were paid at this time.

Reverends W. L. Hart and Hamilton were with us, and His wife. Bro. Claudie Adams' wife was also with us in the meeting. We were pleased to have had them present for our league, and in the class work. Rev. Charlie Hamilton led us in a word of prayer, and Rev. Hart gave the boys and girls of the class a talk from the Bible. We enjoyed his talk very much.

Following the minister's message we then gave some special music for our visitors. We are asking the Christian people to pray for us that our class might do more for the Lord. I am asking also the praying people to pray for my husband, who is in the Navy at Panama, that God may save his soul.

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson,
Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENT

We, the church at Sidney, N. C., ask the prayers of all the brotherhood for our revival meeting, which will begin on June 9th, and continue 'til June 18th, 1943.

The meeting will be led by Elder Clinton Lupton.

We invite all in convenient distance to attend the meeting.

J. T. Linton, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual home coming at Sidney church, Ransomville, N. C., will take place on Sunday, June 20th, 1943.

Especially urged to attend, are all former pastors, all former members and all members residing so far away that they are not able to attend regularly.

Elder C. J. Harris will preach the home-coming sermon.

Lunch will be served on the grounds under the supervision of the Ladies Aid, and we ask all who will to assist them by providing a box.

J. T. Linton, Clerk

EDITORIAL

REV. C. J. HARRIS VERY ILL

We are taking this method to inform the readers of the Baptist paper that one of the outstanding Free Will Baptist ministers, Rev. C. J. Harris of Greenville, North Carolina, was stricken just recently with paralysis. Brother Harris is in a critical condition.

The prayers of the ministers and the laity are desired on his behalf by his loved ones that God might see fit to restore him to his wanted health again. Brother Harris has been a devout servant of the Lord for around fifty years, and has pastored a large number of churches in eastern North Carolina. Cards and letters of sympathy from friends will be greatly appreciated. May God's great blessings rest upon Brother Harris during his most critical illness is our prayer.

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PLACING ORDERS FOR LITERATURE

Those who are planning to place their orders for League and Sunday School literature for the Third Quarter of the year may do so now. Some have already begun to place their orders for the next quarter, and the Business Manager and his helpers are now filling these orders as quickly as possible. As the Press is short of some help in the shipping department, due to war conditions, the Business Manager is asking all to speed up their orders this time so that he may be able to have more time to fill them before the new quarter begins.

Should we sell out present supply of literature before all orders have been filled, we will endeavor to print additional quantities of literature to meet the demand of our customers. The Sunday Schools and Leagues, therefore, need not hesitate to place their orders with us. We assure you that we do greatly appreciate your patronage and co-operation in our institutional work for the denomination. We want to satisfy your needs whenever it is possible for us to do so.

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A WORD ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

We want the Baptist readers to know that the circulation this year of our church paper is holding up well, that is, fewer subscribers are behind with their subscriptions. We are glad to say that this is a good showing, and we appreciate it very much. We hope, on the other hand, that those who are somewhat behind with their payments will arrange to send in payment so that we will not have to drop their names from the active mailing list. We want to keep you as regular subscribers and to continue sending the paper to you each week.

Our present circulation is around 2400 subscribers. We should like very much to see this number increased to 3,000 during the summer and fall months. It can be done, we believe, by a little effort being put forth in all of the churches. May we suggest that each local auxiliary of the church put on a subscription campaign, for example, for two or three weeks' period. Let them elect two or more of its members to go out and solicit subscriptions among the people in their church community. Let, also, the Sunday School Superintendent and his corps of teachers boost the subscription campaign, sponsored by the auxiliary of the church, in the Sunday School during that period. Then, too, the pastors can help by stressing in their Sunday morning announcements the need of more people taking the Baptist paper.

Then, when the campaign is over, let the lists of subscribers be published in the paper, thus showing the success of the campaign in the different churches. It should stimulate interest among the different auxiliary groups to raise as many subscriptions as possible to increase the circulation of the Baptist paper. Their efforts will be twofold; namely, getting more people in their church and community to reading the church paper and enabling them to learn more about what the denomination is accomplishing. In the second place, their success in raising subscriptions will be a great blessing to the Free Will Baptist Press, for greater the circulation of the Baptist paper, more support will come in to the Press in a financial way to make it a stronger institution.

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RELIGIOUS STORIES NEEDED

Short religious stories for the Boys and Girls Page in the Baptist paper are needed. The stories that have been published in the paper have received favorable comments from some sections of the country. Not only are the children enjoying these stories, judging from the reports coming to us, but also some of the old people have expressed their pleasure in reading them.

We hope to be able to continue to have appropriate stories for the readers of the Baptist in the future. During the war period, however, some publishers of Bible story books will not allow us to use stories from their copyrighted books without compensation, which we are not able to pay. In view of this situation, many of the Baptist readers doubtless have in their homes some fine religious stories which would be suitable for the Boys and Girls Page. If they have, and are willing to part from them, we will be glad to use some of them occasionally if they will mail them to us.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are pass away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21: 4, 5.

"LET GO AND LET GOD"

By Mabel F. Sherman

A woman slipped unseen into the side door of a large stone church, walked through the hall and into the auditorium, as if she were familiar with the building and had a purpose in coming. The hour was early and no one was in the building except the janitor, who could be heard in another room. The little woman soon finished her errand, and with a prayer on her lips for God's blessing she left, and probably no one but God ever knew that she had been there.

A few minutes later the janitor, a fine young man, ambitious for education and advancement in life, walked through the room. A motto hanging on the back wall caught his eye. It seemed rather a strange thing in a strange place, but one never could tell what those women were going to do next, so he let that fact pass from his mind and was immediately lost in the words of the motto.

"Let Go and Let God." Well, why shouldn't he do that with his own financial problem! Surely, if the Lord wanted him to prepare for His work, He would open the way. With a deep sigh, he exclaimed aloud, "O Lord, You know what I want, and You know what You want me to do. I've been worrying and struggling until I'm almost worn out. Now I'm going to let go and let You work it out for me." With that he went about his duties singing.

Later the Sunday school superintendent passed through the room. He saw the motto and at first it jarred on his aesthetic taste; then it bothered his nerves and annoyed his conscience. He was a man of social standing and business influence, and though he considered himself a good Christian and an up-to-date Sunday school teacher, he did not see why he should let go. "God helps those who help themselves"—that was his motto. This "motto business" was being overdone, anyway. If the women wanted to have them in the little rooms it was all right, but the auditorium was no place for them. As soon as he had the time he would speak to someone about it, and he hurried on and forgot all about the motto for the time being.

Prompt, as usual, the organist took her place at the great organ and began to arrange her music. She saw in her mirror something unusual and turned about to satisfy her curiosity. The black letters stood out so plainly that she could read distinctly the words, "Let Go and Let God." Without really taking in their meaning, she smiled as if amused, and then turned back to her music. But with her playing began the refrain in her mind, "Let go and let God," "Let go and let God." Over and over it persistently echoed until at last she stopped in confussion and said to herself, "What does it mean? 'Let go and let God'!" Then realizing what she was doing, she resolutely put the subject from her mind and attended only to her playing.

A little later the choir filed in, singing in solemn tones, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

The minister was in his place in the center seat, the assistant pastor on his right. At the motion of the leader's baton, the autience arose and sang the Doxology with the choir.

As they were seated once more, the choir noticed the motto and it affected the various ones in different ways. To all it seemed strange. Some were quite disgusted, but, nevertheless, the words were strong in their meaning and not easily forgotten. Many had trials and cares of one nature or another and the idea of letting go and letting God work in their lives started a train of thought that at least relaxed the muscles and loosened the overstrained nerves.

Nobody guessed the condition of mind of the minister that morning. He sat there so composed; they did not know that since entrance to the pulpit he had been troubled about his sermon. His time had been interrupted during the past week so that he had not been able to work out the fine, logical, particularly-worded address that he usually had safely tucked away in his mind, if not in his memory. All was in confusion in his mental make-up this morning and he was composing himself with effort. He saw the motto, but his mind was so busy that he did not realize anything about it until he found himself repeating the words, "Let go and let God." "Nonsense," he thought, "I've got to get that sermon together." "Let go and let God," came the words. "Well, I've a notion to try it. It won't be any worse that the state of mind I am in now." So he let go!

The assistant pastor arose to pray. He had been planning the prayer for the morning, outlining it and filling in the words. Then his eyes had read the motto and a blush of shame had actually overspread his face; to think that he had been planning his prayer for the people and not for his heavenly Father! It was what they would think and say that had been in his mind and not the praise and love to Jesus and the needs of the people. When he arose, in fervency of spirit he prayed. "Heavenly Father, teach us to pray." He forgot the audience in front of him; he forgot the choir behind, and even the minister at his left. He offered his praise and worship to God; he prayed for the church and its work; he prayed for the Lord's work in other places and for the missionaries; he prayed for the men who were servants of the country, and all through his prayer he was talking to God.

When he had finished there was scarcely a dry eye, and when the choir sang the anthem there was a strange power back of the harmonizing voices that carried comfort and help in the words. The minister had let go, and then as his heart had been touched by the words of the prayer he had cried out in his soul, "O Lord, help me!"

After the prayer was over, the anthem sung, the offering taken, and a solo rendered, the minister arose and gave a message—but not the sermon he had planned to preach. He could not remember that he had ever thought out a sermon on the text that he had taken, but someway, he did not feel that he was himself. He had in fact forgotten himself; he had forgotten everything except that he had a message, a message to give his

people, which he gave with all the earnestness he could.

The people were quiet when the service was over; there was very little talking. They had something to think about, and as they turned to go down the aisle they saw, some of them, the motto on the wall, and that gave them something more to think about.

When the superintendent of the Sunday school accosted the minister and said, "I do not know who put that motto in that unheard of place, but I had better take it down, had I not?"

The minister realizing its value replied emphatically, "No, I think it is the right message in the right place."

—In Moody Monthly.

MY DUTY TOWARD MY CHURCH

I think we will have a more spiritual view of the subject if we speak of "My Duty Toward HIS Church." At times people carelessly speak of a church as being the church of the pastor: Dr. So and So's Church. Our Lord said, "Upon this rock I will build My church." (Matt. 16: 16, 18). He is the builder and owner of the church. Not only so, He is the One who purchased the church with His own blood. (Acts 20: 28). In 1 Corinthians, 1: 2, the church is called "the church of God." It throws a sense of holy importance about the church to remember that it is God's institution—His business organization in the world. And the church is the only institution in the world that He has. He does NOT work through the Masonic order, Odd Fellows, or Knights of Columbus; He does NOT work through Montgomery Ward, General Electric or U. S. Steel, in His work of saving souls and upbuilding the saints. God's agency in the world to carry on His work is His church.

But the human side of it may be seen in 1 Thessalonians 1: 1, where Paul addresses "the church of the Thessalonians." If the church's Head is in the Heavenlies, its feet are on the earth. The church is made up of men and women who are born again, and yet who have the old Adamic nature still in them. And so the church on earth is redeemed, but still in the process of being sanctified.

1. The Christian, like his Lord, is to "love the church and give himself for it." (Cf. Eph. 5: 25). Of course, Christ gave Himself for the church in a substitutionary sense that the believer can never do—and yet we are to love and serve His church.

2. The Christian is to seek to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4: 3). Our Lord prayed, "that they (believers) all may be one." (John 17: 21, 23). Often we should read the 133rd Psalm! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: and went down to the skirts of his garments." What a lovely way to tell us that the fulness of blessings from the Holy Spirit that originate with our Head, will come down even to the least of us—the skirts of His garments—when His people are in unity! How necessary, then to live in church unity!

3. But there are times when that peace and unity is broken. It is then the Christian's duty to go to the brother or sister that has offended, obeying the command in Matthew 18: 15-18. "Go and tell him his fault. . . . But if he will not hear thee . . . tell it unto the church." (Read carefully).

4. It is the Christian's duty to faithfully attend his church: "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day (of His return) approaching." (Hebrews 10: 25).

Perhaps this would be as good a place as any to suggest these two things: First, the church, in the New Testament, is NOT the building, but the gathering together of Christian people, for worship, fellowship, observance of the ordinances, preaching and service. Second: every institution today that goes by the name of church is not a church. The so-called "Christian Science Church" that denies the deity of Christ is no more a church than a Moslem Mosque. One can still fellowship with a group, even though they might not have clear instruction on some teachings of the Word, provided they teach, as a church, the great facts of the deity of Christ, His physical resurrection, and the efficacy of His shed blood to cleanse us from sin. If any of these doctrines are not there, it is NOT a New Testament church, and the believer should withdraw therefrom and find his fellowship with a group that does hold to these teachings.

5. The Christian is always to avoid any semblance to the domineering attitude, in the church, of the wilful Diotrephes, "who loveth to have the preeminence," refusing to receive the brethren, and casting some (innocent parties) out of the church, simply because they would not play ball his illegal way. (See Third John 9-11).

6. Rather, we should all strive to be like Phebe, our sister, which is "a servant of the church." (Romans 16: 1). We can all serve His church —some as pastors and teachers; some as evangelists, some as deacons, some as Sunday school teachers, some in special ministries—and all can give and pray and exhort, as He enables. Let us serve His church.

7. We are to give to the support of the church and its ministry and its missionary work. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it'" (Malachi 3: 10).

—In Christian Victory

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"Jesus, Master, Thou hast bought us
With Thy blood on Calvary;
All we are and have we offer
For Thy service glad and free."

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NOTE: This is the largest amount that has ever been sent in from our state in one month—a record that we, as Free Will Baptists, should be very proud of. May I take this privilege to thank everyone who has had a part in making this **record** monthly report. You brother preachers and church workers are doing a great job. To those who may have made a sacrifice in these contributions, REMEMBER Jesus said a cup of cold water given in His Name would be rewarded. Let us keep giving that missionaries may go with the Gospel; that the lost may hear; that they might believe; that they might call on the Name of the Lord; that they might be saved.

Chester Pelt,
Secretary and Treasurer

JOTS AND DOTS

J. E. Ingalls
Greenville, N. C.

We would like for a few minutes to call your attention to a love letter that is nearly two thousand years old. I guess most all my readers have a copy of this letter, so will you please turn to St. John 15, and read the entire chapter. I shall try to mention only what refers to verse 13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I am afraid that a good many people have gotten the idea that Jesus died for sinners. Now, that idea is allright, if we understand it aright. Jesus did die for sinners that he might save them from their sins, but not to save them in their sins. If He was to save them in their sins, it would not have been needful for Him to have died on the cross.

We notice in verse 13 that Jesus said "that a man lay down his life for his FRIENDS." who ever heard of a sinner being a friend to Jesus? Who ever heard of a sinner keeping the commands of Jesus? If we would learn who are the friends of Jesus, and whom He laid down his life for, let us read verse 14: "ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Thus we see if we don't keep or do the commands of Jesus we are not his friends, and if we are not his friends, we will some time hear him say, "Depart from me, for I know you not." That is, He won't know us as a friend. So, let's try to be a friend of Jesus while we have the opportunity.

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Growing Cold

The coldness I wish to mention is of a spiritual nature. When I was a small boy, the churches used to hold a week or 10 days' revival, and have preaching at 11 a. m., and night, too. The people had no cars then, but would ride on carts, buggies and wagons, and attend preaching on work days as well as on Sunday. Now they don't love to go on Sunday (some of them) with good cars to ride on. They say now the gas is short.

But I am afraid the gas and many other things are going to get shorter or scarcer than they are, if a lot of our so-called church people don't warm up toward the Lord's work. The Lord has promised to cut our bread short for our trespassing, read Ezekiel 14: 13. We had better do something about it before we get real hungry. Noah's friends did not think it would rain until the door of the ark was shut. Our people may not think our bread supply can be cut until it is too late. I spoke of us growing cold spiritually, read Matthew 25: 12, and we will find iniquity or sin is the cause of many waxing (growing) cold. But the faithful ones have a sweet promise in verse 13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. AMEN.

INDIVIDUAL HEARTSEARCHING NEEDED

"Perverse disputes of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."—I Tim. 6: 5.

In the above text, the Apostle Paul teaches us to avoid Babylon's teachers, and to prove ourselves by heartsearching truth. We are to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. We are to teach and practice the things which will draw us to a higher plane of light on the salvation which Jesus came to give to the

world. We are to dwell upon the "Fountain of Truth." Such is the strength of the nation as well as it is for the individual man or woman.

The New Testament tells us that every man's works shall be tried as by fire. It further declares that the day of one's life shall declare it. So, we see that it is folly for us to try to lead a Christian life without a change of heart. We must have the direction of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Paul says Christ is our peace, and that He gave himself as a ransom for our souls.

We should each try to be humble, and live our lives to the very point of submission unto our Lord. Christ calls us to follow in His footsteps all the days of our lives. The Christian who has the most rigid discipline over others is not always the brightest messenger in God's kingdom. We are to remember that Christ said the visible church was like unto a net cast into the sea. It gathers of all kinds. We are to remember also that this net is still down in the sea, and that it catches some of all kinds.

It is well for a minister to point his mistaken church members to Christ's atonement, which was made on Calvary's cross. He gave His life to pardon all who will come unto Him for redemption. This was done that they might have on the wedding garment, he prepared to enter into the joys of their Lord.

Galen Lemaster

FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

For some time there has been a desire to unite the Free Will Baptists of this state, but only recently has any action been made in that direction. The 1942 session of the South Carolina Conference considered such an undertaking and decided to take the matter up with other bodies of our faith in this state. Delegates were appointed to visit these associations and report to our body. The writer of this article was among those who attended the Eastern Conference and the plan was enthusiastically accepted by our Eastern brethren.

After meeting with the Eastern Conference I attended the Beaver Creek Association, which is made up of churches in both North and South Carolina. We discussed the plan with a group of their ministers and were assured of hearty co-operation in the organization of a State Association and later they delegated to our Union Meeting in the interest of this undertaking. It was decided at this Union to meet in Darlington, S. C., on May 29th, 1943, for the purpose of organizing our Free Will Baptist people of this state.

Since that time I have contacted personally five or six of our preachers who pastor churches in the Pee-Dee Association, located in this state. Several of these Brethren have expressed to me their intention of meeting with us in Darlington and all of them assured me of their co-operation in this undertaking.

In concluding this article, I am appealing to all Free Will Baptists of South Carolina to delegate to this meeting and let us have a State Association.

Yours for a greater work,
Louis A. Halliday,
Moderator,
S. C. Conference

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

There is the story of the various tools which set about to cut a piece of iron. "I will master it," said the ax. His blows fell heavy, but each blow made his edge more blunt, until further striking was useless. "Leave it to me," said the saw, and with his relentless teeth he drew back and forth on the surface, but the teeth were only broken. Then the hammer laughed, and said, "I knew you couldn't do it; I will show you the way," but after a few hard strokes its head flew off, while the iron remained unchanged. "Shall I try?" said the small flame. All despised the flame, but it curled round the iron, and embraced it, and did not leave until the iron melted under its irresistible influence. There is the ax of correction, and the cutting saw of criticism, to conquer the heart as hard as iron; but God's way is more excellent. **Love, "which hath a most vehement flame," will be found the only effective way.**—Prophetic News.

IN HIS STEPS

By Max I. Reich

Midst change and fret and constant strife,
How calm and restful is my life—
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.
Give me the path the Master trod,
In cloudless fellowship with God;
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.

There shall I learn to trust and love,
The perfect will of God to prove;
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.
What though earth's briars wound my feet?
I find each bitter cup made sweet,
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.

Then shall I be resigned and meek,
No more earth's painted toys to seek;
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.
There shall I bear the daily cross,
Nor shrink from the reproach and loss;
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.

May I thus find from day to day,
What means "the straight and narrow way,"
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.
It is the path that leads us home;
Sweet foretasts there of joys to come;
Walking in the footsteps of my Lord.

COMPENSATION

A missionary was asked what compensation he had found in his work for all the sacrifices he had made. He took from his pocket a letter, worn with much handling, and read this sentence from an Oriental student: **"But for you, I would not have known Jesus Christ, our Saviour.** Ever morning I kneel down before God, I think of you and pray." "That," said the missionary, "is my compensation."—Darby Fulton, in The Earnest Worker.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*

Middlesex, N. C. Greenville, Tenn.

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A gift may be made_____you may include an amount in Life Insurance. We can use War Bonds series "F." Your gifts to this cause are not taxable and may be deducted in your income tax returns.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary State Association of North Carolina

Many Thanks

I have just read the report of the Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference and learn thereby that the Union adopted the SIX-POINT PROGRAM for North Carolina and made offerings to Foreign and Home Missions. Many thanks to those who accept the program and put their acceptance into real active living.

Pre-Fixed Distribution

Some of the Union meetings have a fixed custom of the distribution of funds on the percentage basis. That is, all funds are divided according to a former resolution and there is no donations outside the designated purposes. This is a fine method and worthy of all acceptance. But, we sincerely hope that all unions and conventions in the State of North Carolina will place upon their calendar the SIX-POINT PROGRAM.

The National Association

Only a few more days and the time will be here for the meeting of the National Association, which convenes this year in the city of Nashville, Tenn., beginning on the Second Sunday evening in July, with the Sunday School convention leading off, followed by the Women's Auxiliary, with the Association getting started Tuesday evening. Then the records will be revealed and the news spread as to what the year of 1942-1943 has meant. May it prove to be good—yea, EXCELLENT.

Can A Man Be Saved At Once?

The question of an instantly working of God's grace into the soul and spirit of man, so as to bring salvation, or the "New Birth" has been brought to us. We answer the question unhesitatingly, and say, "YES." We have instances in the Bible which record that individuals were made whole instantly. Jesus said to the lame man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." (Mark 2: 5). And again, Jesus speaks, "And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven thee" (Luke 7: 48). The forgiveness of sins brings new life. It does not take God a year or a month, not even a day nor hour, to forgive sins. The Philippian jailer said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" and they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 30, 31). We are told by the writer of the Acts, "That the same hour of the night he was baptized, and all his streightway." This man believed, was baptized, and took the apostles into his house and set meat before them, also washed their bleeding backs. The whole household heard a short sermon, accepted it, and was saved. I have known people to pray for weeks, begging God to save them, yes, begging God to do the thing that God wanted, which was to give Jesus to die on the Cross that men might be saved. I knew one, years ago, who would go to an altar every time he got an invitation and cry and beg God to save his poor soul. This went on for years, and the man died, and the sad part is, he died in sin. He died an unbeliever. If crying would save, he ought to have reached God. If going to an altar would save he ought to have gone "marching in with the saints." If going to church would get one right with God, he ought to have been 100 per cent right. But my dear reader, there is no SALVATION without an absolute FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. And if the Bible is the message of God, given to man, to lead man out of sin and death through the Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that man must believe the whole Bible from the first chapter of Genesis through Revelation. If any part of the Bible is false, then we cannot rely on the other part.

The Blood Sacrifice

The first account of worship by man is given in the offerings of Cain and Abel. Cain brought an offering of beauty—things of the ground. Abel brought an offering of blood. The blood was accepted by God. God had "respect" to Abel's offering. The death of the Lord Jesus was set forth in type by the offering made by Abel. The Bible plainly teaches that "The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin." And that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." Don't let the Devil deceive you to accept any so-called religion that does not accept the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST AS GOD'S REMEDY FOR ALL SIN." The modernists along with many "cults" which call themselves "Christians" but deny the vicarious, or substitutional death of the Lord Jesus Christ, have endeavored to carry their damnable doctrine to the four parts of the earth. But many who have accepted that doctrine of "Good works" and a "social gospel' are having their eyes open to the fact, that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and arose for our justification and that He lives at the right hand of God, and through Him, we can reach God, and that birds still feed the hungry, and fish come up and are caught without doubt, as to the direct answer to prayer. Men are being saved in camps, on the sea, in the air, and all over the world today as of old. Men will turn to God yet before the war is over. Millions may die and millions lift up their eyes in HELL, but millions will call upon the God who hears and answers prayer, by the SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. "When I see the blood I will pass over you" is the promise of the Lord. This promise of God, fulfilled in the life of Israel, saved the "first born" from death in Egypt. So, the BLOOD OF CHRIST SAVES MEN FROM ALL SIN. To disbelieve it is to go to a demons HELL in spite of all that you may do. See I John 1: 5-7, and 5: 10.

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE

Now that the first year of the Free Will Baptist college has become history, I review it with pride because I was one of the school's students. Truly this has been the "Red Letter" year of my life, for I have grown in a spiritual sense more than in any other year. The Holy Spirit has sanctified the place, and I feel that it was a great opportunity to have spent almost nine months there in profitable study.

I was definitely led there by the Holy Spirit even before the plans for the school became a reality, for the Lord had pointed me that way, and I then laid plans for entering the school. I felt sure the college would be established, but did not know just what it would be like. The Lord led in the matter, and I did not doubt that it would be what He desired. Still, curiosity almost got the best of me, and I desired to visit the Bible College before its opening date to see if it would be what I wanted.

Returning from Parrish, Alabama, in early September, when I had received my diploma for the Institute work, I stopped in Nashville for a visit before the opening of school. One of the students was already there, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came during the day. I returned home for a minor operation, and was three weeks late for school.

When I arrived on October 5, the school work was in full swing, and the place seemed to be filled with the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. It remained that way until after the last examination, and the closing exercises of the school year were completed. It was school, of course, but it was different, for it is a school of the Lord's choosing, being guided by the Holy Spirit. I am very much pleased with my time spent in the college, yes far beyond expectations. Every course of study was pleasant, (if it did take hard work to get the lessons), and pointed toward the end desired—that of winning souls to Christ. And the students tried to put much of their learning into practice while contacting people on the streets and elsewhere by giving out gospel tracts, etc. I feel that I have grown in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and if it be His will, I shall return there next year.

If you desire to better prepare yourself for the Lord's work, then pray that He will direct your paths to our Bible College next September. If He does, then don't worry about the school (for it is orthodox and evangelical), or about finances, for He will supply your need, or anything else.

Please pray for me.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. George Waggoner,
Macedonia, Ill.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

O God of all who need Thee to reach out Thy hand,
I'm not expert at praying, but Thou dost understand;
Since days of "Now I lay me" beside my mother's knee
I've known that Thou was there, Lord, when I have called to Thee.
And as I prayed in childhood before I went to sleep
I ask Thee now in manhood, ask Thee "my soul to keep";
I also pray for courage, dear God, I need it so.
For faithfulness in duty wherever I may go.
In every encounter help me to do the right,
In marching, or in waiting, or in an actual fight.
Deliver me from hatred of any human kind
And keep my heart full, steady and clean and clear my mind.
Bless those I've left behind me, my dearest one, and dear,
And as I name them over, God, keep them free from fear.
"If I should die tonight," Lord, I pray "my soul to take,"
And may my life, thus given, be counted for Thy sake.
As in my childhood's praying, now once again, as then,
I ask in Jesus' name, O God, and then I say: Amen."

—La Prairie Church Bulletin

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

As we tonight look back over the past year's work, we are made to ask this question: Have all of us done our best for the Lord's work? I can say for one that it has been a wonderful year in my field of labor. I can say this, first, because the Master has said, "I am with you to the end." Second, the dear Auxiliary workers have co-operated in the work in a most splendid way. Third, because the good pastors have stood by us in every way, and our Unified program, along with our Mission work, has been a great success.

Our mission tour, which has embraced a part of Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina, has accomplished much good for the glory of God, and that eternity alone will declare the results. We visited all six of the District Conventions in North Carolina, and also the State Auxiliary Convention. By being able to visit so many conventions, we were able to place a goodly number of Banks and Chests in the hands of the fine workers among our churches. Remember, the Chests will be free until the sitting of the National Association in July. Everyone wishing a free Chest should send for one right away. Also anyone who is in need of stickers for the New Banks, please send for them.

While I was in North Carolina, it was our privilege to visit some churches that needed some evangelistic services for a few days. We were in the Morehead City church for a few days with Brother W. B. Anderson and his good congregation. While there we had 42 conversions and reclaims. Most of them were children. The meeting was a fine, deep spiritual meeting. The ladies changed their Aid Society to the Auxiliary. We organized with all the officers, according to the rules of the Manual.

We went from Morehead City to Kinston, North Carolina, to be with Brother Thomas E. Beamon. He is pastor of the New Church in that town. It is called Bethel and has a wonderful spirit of fellowship among its members. We enjoyed our services with them while there very much. While there in the meeting we had forty conversions and reclaims. Brother Beamon baptized sixteen and others will be baptized later on after the meeting closes. We were invited to a country home for service, and two more were saved. On the last night Sister Beard and Sister Kennedy took membership with the church. The women have a wonderful Auxiliary organized there, and they are working just fine together for the glory of God. We feel that there is a great future for this group of Christian workers. The church is growing in a wonderful way under the leadership of their good pastor. We certainly did enjoy our work with them very much indeed. We feel that in the course of time God will give them a strong church.

We also went to Elizabeth City to be with Brother W. A. Hales and his fine church people. He is doing a splendid work there in that city. While there God gave us some fine services. They took 36 Banks, and they are standing strongly by our National program. May God greatly bless Brother Hales and his dear people at Elizabeth City is our prayer.

We went by to visit our printing establishment in Ayden, North Carolina, while we were in the State, and they, too, are doing a splendid piece of work for the denomination. They are getting out our most splendid Sunday School and League literature, and the Free Will Baptist paper. Thousands of Free Will Baptists everywhere are using this good literature.

We had opportunity to speak at the State Auxiliary Convention in May, in North Carolina, and they are going forward in a great way. May God bless those dear people is our prayer. May we all prove faithful in the great Christian work until the return of our blessed Master.

Now a work to our Field Workers of the various states. Please try to get to me your reports by the first of July that I shall be able to make a splendid report from all the states to our National Convention. Pray for us, as we go forth in the great work, visiting some of the workers in Mississippi, Alabama, etc., before the National Association convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, in July.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams,
National Field Worker

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ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

Now, dear Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina, may we remember THE LOAN FUND as we stress our Christian Educational program during the month of June. We rejoice to learn that the Fund has increased during the past year. I know each of us who has aided in that increase are thankful. When we know we have helped some worthy boy or girl in getting a college education, we feel grateful for having had the opportunity to share our means in making the Fund what it is today.

I understand that all who have borrowed from the Fund, and have completed their college course have already paid back the money which they had borrowed. That is very commendable indeed.

We rejoice to know that our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, has had a good year. We thank God for it, and pray His blessings upon the faculty, as well as upon the student body. We trust next year will be a greater year for our educational program, but if we will remember to support the ANNA PHILLIPS EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND more, a

larger number of students will be able to borrow from it, and go farther in their preparation for Christian service.

May we as Christians be faithful stewards of that which God has given unto us.

Your Sister in Christ,
Katie Sawyer Jackson

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

For Month of May

(Receipts)

North Carolina	$329.04
Missouri	230.96
Michigan	62.89
Alabama	45.07
Oklahoma	37.00
Florida	18.57
Illinois	18.00
Georgia	12.35
South Carolina	12.00
New Mexico	5.00
From Allocation Fund by F. S. Vanhoose, Treas.	95.09
National Women's Auxiliary Convention by Fannie Polston, Treas.	64.08
Total	$930.05

Winford Davis

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

" 'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But he held it up with a smile;
'What am I bidden, good folk?' he cried,
'Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar—one dollar—then two, only two—
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Going for three'—but no—
From the room far back, a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening the loosened strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, 'Now what am I bid for the old violin?'
And he held it up with the bow;
'A thousand dollars—and who'll make it two?
Two thousand and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once—three thousand twice—
And going—and gone,' cried he;
The people cheered but some of them cried,
'We do not understand;
What changed its worth! Quick came the reply,
'The touch of a master's hand.'

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin,
A mess of pottage—a glass of wine,
A game—and he travels on;
He's going once—and going twice—
He's going—and almost gone!
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought
By 'THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND."

—Selected

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to notify any Free Will Baptist church, within the bounds of the Third Union District of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, that is interested in having a Bible School conducted, or The Standards of Efficiency of the Sunday School taught in your church, please correspond with the Field Secretary until workers can be secured.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes,
Field Secretary,
Beulaville, N. C.

A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

We have just closed a revival meeting, Sunday, May 30, 1943, at Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, with wonderful success. A number of souls were saved. Rev. R. P. Sawyer of Kannapolis, North Carolina, did the preaching, with Rev. L. D. Gray, the pastor of the church, assisting in the meeting.

Your brother in Christ,
G. P. Shepherd

THANKSGIVING

O Thou whose eye of love
Looks on us from above,
Low at Thy throne
We come to Thee and pray,
That gleaming day by day,
Our grateful heart alway
Thy hand may own.

Thine are the waving fields;
Thy hand the harvest yields,
And unto Thee,
To whom for rain and dew,
And skies of sunny blue,
Our love and praise are due,
We bend the knee.

And when beneath the trees,
In fairer fields than these
Our glad feet roam,
There where the bright harps ring,
May we our gleanings bring,
And in Thy presence sing
Our harvest home.

—Selected

Light for the North Room

By Alice Hansche Mortenson

While lying in a north room
Where no sun came at all,
Quite suddenly I saw a light
Reflected on the wall;
Delightedly I turned to see
Whence such a thing had come,
When through the open door I spied
A mirror in the sun.

Oh, what a precious lesson
For Christians—you and me;
Our lives perhaps are all the light
Of Christ that some may see.
Let's keep our mirrors facing Him,
All clear and shining bright;
For someone in the north room
Is sure to need our light.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

JOHN DESCRIBES TRUE CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for June 20)

Lesson: 1 Jn. 2: 1-6; 3: 13-18; 4: 15-17. Read 1 Jn. 1—5.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn. 1: 7).

Our present Golden Text contains one of those common metaphors. To "walk in darkness" in the language of the Bible, is to live in sin, cut off from God's favor and presence, and to be enslaved to Satan. Indeed, the Ephesian Epistle calls the unsaved "children of darkness" and refers to Christians as "children of Light." But we recognize the sad truth that not all children of God walk in the light continually; they sometimes stray into dark pathways and keep grim company. Therefore, the sweet promise of John's statement pivots upon the small but mighty word "if"!

See what this word implies in this Golden Text? It introduces the element of free will into the Christian's relationship with God, and allows each individual to decide the measure, depth, and continuity of his experience and fellowship with Jesus Christ. Christ is light. Whatever is "darkness" separates itself from Him by its very nature. Therefore, any Christian who retains any form or degree of darkness, separates himself by just that much from Christ his Saviour!

Untrue professors, church members, hypocrites glut the religious market, but there is no such thing as an **untrue** Christian.

Yet there is alas! such a thing as an **inconsistent** Christian and it is this John has in mind when he says, "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked."

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The necessity of sinning, but not the possibility, has been removed from the Christian (I Jn. 2: 1).

2. God has foreseen every possible failure on our part, and made provision for it (vss. 1, 2).

3. The Christian's faith does not rest on suppositions, but on the knowledge of definite facts (vss. 3-5).

4. The proof of our profession will be revealed in our Christian manner of life (vs. 6).

5. The presence of a newness of life within us demands a newness of fellowship (3: 14).

6. There is no room for hatred in a heart in which the love of God has been shed abroad (vs. 15).

7. The greatness of Christ's love for us should be the measurement of our love for the brethren (vs. 16).

8. Brotherly love needs to be practiced as well as professed (vss. 17, 19).

9. It is impossible to be a Christian without confessing Jesus Christ as the Son of God (4: 15).

10. We have the best residence on earth when we dwell in God, because God is love (vs. 16).

11. Note the definition of **World** (vs. 13), and **Murder** (v. 15), in our **Senior Quarterly.**

12. Look up the terms **Propitiation, Advocate, Sympathy,** and **perfect love,** as discussed in our **Advanced Quarterly.**

13. The Apostle John divides **sins** into two classes in Chapter 5: 16, 17. This classification should be kept in mind in studying First John.

III The Lesson Illustrated

Love's Great Sacrifice

The home of an English family was discovered on fire. They thought everybody was out. Everybody was out but the baby. The mother saved her. For years as the child grew up the mother went about the house with her hands covered. The eldest of the servants never had seen her hands uncovered. But the daughter came into her room one day unexpectedly, and the mother sat there with her hands uncovered. They were torn and scarred and disfigured. Instantly the mother tried to cover them as the girl came forward, but she said, "I had better tell you about it. It was when the fire was in the house and you were in your cradle. I fought my way through the flames to get you. I wrapped you in a blanket and dropped you through the window, and somebody caught you. I could not go down the stairway, so I climbed out of the window. My hands were burnt, and I slipped and caught on the trellis work. When I fell, my hands were torn. The doctor did his best, but, my dear, **these hands were torn for you."** And the girl, who had grown to womanhood, sprang toward her mother, took one hand then the other, and buried her face in those hands, as she kept saying, "They are beautiful hands, beautiful hands."—J. Wilbur Chapman.

How to Measure Love

In an engine room it is impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water it contains. But running up beside it is a tiny glass tube, which serves as a guage. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.

But you ask, How do I know that I love God? I believe I love Him, but I want to know. **Look at the guage: I Jn. 3: 14. Your love for your brother is the measure of your love for God.**—S. S. Chronicle.

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' Blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name!

"Do you know the world is dying,

For a little bit of love?
Everywhere you hear them sighing,
For a little bit of love!"

"Many have burdens too heavy to bear,
Help somebody to-day!
Grief is the portion of some ev'ry-where,
Help somebody to-day!"

ROCK FISH UNION REPORT

The Rock Fish Union meeting of the Original Free Will Baptist convened with Sandy Grove Church at St. Paul's, North Carolina, on May 29, 1943.

The union was opened by the congregation singing a hymn, "Standing on the Promises of God." In the absence of the moderator, A. J. Bacot, the house was declared in order by the clerk, C. B. Hopkins, for the election of a moderator pro tem. Rev. W. B. Carter was appointed moderator at this sitting.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. O. M. Hilnourn, and the Scripture lesson was taken from I Cor. 1: 1-10. The call for new business was then given, or placed before the house. The report on ministers from the last conference was called for at this time. The clerk's fee was raised from one to five dollars. Next, the report on Home Missions was then made. The tent which we had in mind to buy could not be secured. It was agreed that if we have prospects in new work, and that we send a man to preach, the Home Mission Board is to pay him eighteen ($18) dollars per week for his services. This plan was accepted by the union. The Evangelistic Committee appointed: Rev. O. M. Hilbourn, Rev. W. B. Carter, Rev. W. H. Ivey.

Preaching at eleven o'clock was by Rev. O. M. Hilbourn, and his scripture reading was taken from Daniel 12. His text was from verse four. Following the sermon, we adjourned for dinner.

At one o'clock we re-assembled in the church for the transaction of business matters. A call for the church letters was made, and they were accepted. Then calls came for old business matters, and for the miscellaneous items. Following this a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The next union will be held with Mt. Moriah Church, Hamlet, North Carolina.

Rev. W. B. Carter, Moderator,
C. B. Hopkins, Clerk.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER

How sweet the hour alone with God,
In earnest prayer we spend,
Alone with Him who knows our needs
As friend would plead with friend.
We tell out all our needs to Him,
Assured that He will hear;
The faintest, feeblest cry we raise,
Will reach His holy ear.

No care too great, no need too small,
He could not have us tell
E'en though assured we are, those needs
To Him are known so well.
Then oft from toil and conflict here,
Our hearts would turn aside
To be in company with Him
Who once was crucified.

As we in faith to Him draw night
And make our wishes known,
He bends His ear to hear our cry,
Though high upon the throne.
No prayer of faith will ever be
By Him our God unheard.
We know the answer's sure to come,
For this He tells us in His Word.

A little while He may defer
And hold the answer back,
But come it will, the answer's sure,
Not one part will it lack.
And oft the answer does not come
In ways we're looking for,
For He would have us know that He
Has many an open door.

Sometimes He answers right away
And proves His presence night,
And to our troubled spirits sends
His comfort from on high.
And then at times before we cry,
His answer has begun,
Our every need is known to Him
Long ere our path is run.

Oh, what a God we have to trust,
A God of love and grace,
Who never will refuse the cry
Of those who seek His face.
Then may we oft while here we wait
To meet Him in the air,
In earnest supplication spend,
That hour, the hour of prayer.

—Unknown

H-A-B-I-T

The only way to get rid of a bad habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the "H" and you still have

A Bit

You think you are getting over it by dropping a little bit of the evil thing, so you go on and drop the "A," but you still are

Bit

That is to say, you are not getting on at all. You are deceiving yourself. You are just where you were. You are still bit by the evil thing. However, you think you are progressing and so you drop the "B." But you are no farther on; you still have

It

And "it" is the sting of habit. "It" has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Even when you drop the "I" you still have, just, as you had,

T

Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. Better do the thing "wholesale" and drop all the letters at once!

—Author Unknown.

GOD'S KINDLY PROVIDENCE

I never knew a night so black,
Light failed to follow in its track.
I never knew a storm so gray,
Not followed by a clearer day.
I never knew such black despair,
That there was not a rift somewhere.
I never knew an hour so drear,
Christ could not fill the heart with cheer.

—Author Unknown.

Boys and Girls Corner

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

Although David was forbidden to build a house for God's worship, he was not idle. He gathered gold and silver and all kinds of valuable things for building, so that the son who was to come after him would be able to make it great and splendid.

Solomon was not born when God promised David that his son should build the temple, but God did not forget, and when David had died, and his son Solomon was king, he was the wisest and richest king that ever lived, and could build a house that no one else could build.

For not only had David gathered treasures of every kind, but the people joined with him in piling up the rich and beautiful things of which the temple was to be made.

And to all this Solomon added much more, so that there was nothing lacking to make the temple the most splendid building in the world. It was all that King David had meant it to be.

And King Solomon managed so wisely, and everything was so carefully made, that the temple rose up like a splendid tree, without any noise of any kind. There was no sound of hammer or saw, but everything was made to fit as nicely as well-made clothes, and there was no litter to be cleaned up. Never in the world before, or since, was such wonderful building done.

It was all covered with gold, and gold and silver were used all through it, for lamps and basins and altars, and all the utensils, so that it was all rich and bright with beautiful ornaments and curtains and splendid furniture. The Bible tells how much gold and silver was used, but the brass was so much that it was not weighed. The king spared nothing that would make the temple the most beautiful building on earth.

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A WORD OF THANKS

This note is to express our appreciation of the help which we received from all the Free Will Baptist churches. We, as a whole, could not have brought back the Banner this quarter without the help of our sister churches, and the Free Will Baptist Press.

I cannot tell our readers how proud we are to have this symbol. I will assure you that we will work only harder in the future to fill the house with God's people, and with His help we will do it.

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The Bible says every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God. I am praying that these few words will be a great help to some one. Please pray that I shall be able to live each day as God would have me to live, and that I may do whatever He calls on me to do. If people will read the Bible, they will find that the things going on in the world are fulfilling the Scriptures today. Please pray for me.

Mrs. John Rhodes,

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MY CHURCH

A gothic edifice indeed
Is beautiful, but all I need
Is just a room where I can pray,
And rest awhile upon my way.

A table for a book, a chair
For One who is expected there;
An open door for all who will
Be coming in my room to fill.

A lamp, if it be growing dark;
A faith, which sees the present ark,
Which knows the covenant and rod,
The manna given man by God.

Here would we praise the Prince of Peace;
Here join the song which shall not cease
When we behold the Christ who died;
Thy Son, O God, the Crucified.

We linger; was it not a stall
Where Shepherds hailed Him Lord of all?
We wait to welcome Him as King;
His praise our only offering.

—Howard T. N. Ussher, in The Christian.

PRAYER

"God is my help in every need.
God does my every hunger feed.
God dwells within me, guides my way,
Through every moment of the day.
I now am wise, I now am true,
Patient, kind and loving too,
All things I am, can do and be
Through Christ, the Truth, that is in me.
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—Anon.

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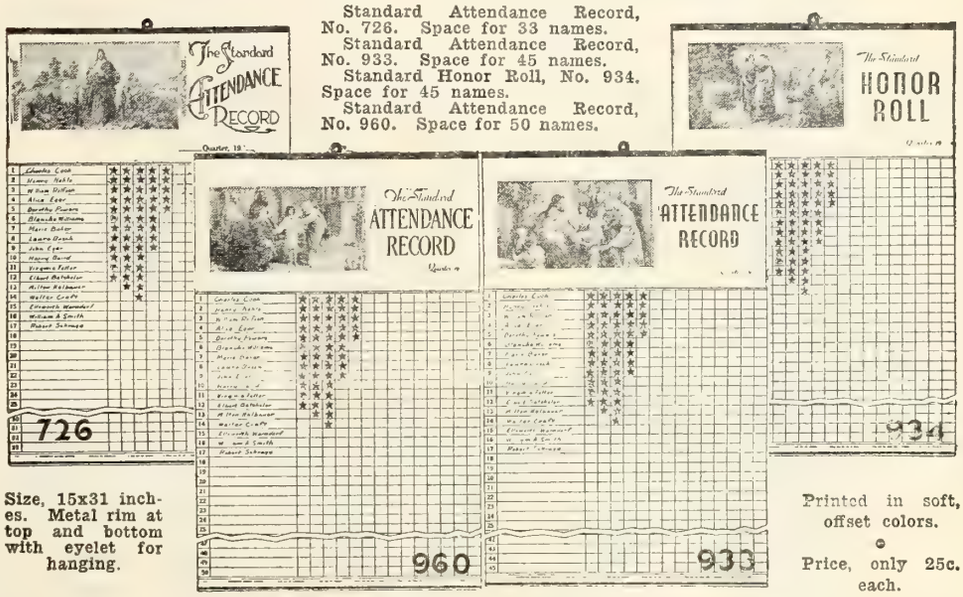

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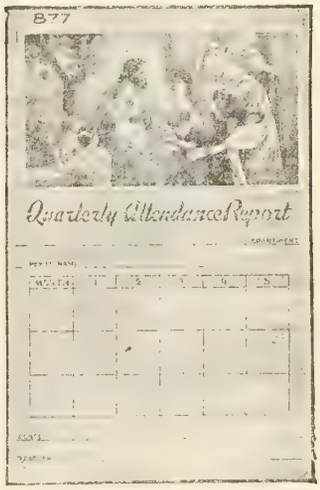

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At a recent farm labor hearing in California, President Paul M. Thornton, of the Southern California Vegetable Producer's Association, said one farmer reports that 10 to 20 of his 600 employees are absent every day because of drinking. Mr. Thornton further said:

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If We Believed in God

If we believe in God, there would be light
Upon our pathway in the darkest night.

If we believed in God, there would be power
To foil the tempter in the sorest hour.

If we believed in God, there would be peace
In this world's warfare, ever to increase.

If we believed in God, there would be joy
Even in tears, that nothing could destroy.

If we believed in God, there would be love
To heal all wounds and lift the world above.

Lord Christ, be near us, that, beholding Thee,
We may believe in God and be set free!

—Jessie Wiseman Gibbs

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Dear Baptist Readers:

I wish to express my sympathy to all who are sick, or are afflicted in any way, also to those who have loved ones in such a terrible war as we are experiencing today.

My mother is very feeble, and unable to be up. She has been paralyzed since 1938. I have to care for her as though she were a baby, for she is perfectly helpless. I cannot leave her to do any work at all, so I am asking everyone who will to please send to me by mail your subscription to the "Southern Farmer." It is a good, interesting magazine for both men and women. I am sure you will like it very much, and the commission which I receive will be greatly appreciated. I will return a receipt for each favor.

The subscription rates are: One year, 25 cents; two years, 50 cents; three years, 60 cents; five years, $1.00; ten years, $2.00. Please mention "New" or "Renewal" subscription. Your subscription will be sent to the office promptly. To all the true Christian workers, I wish to say that I trust you will be blessed with much success, and that your efforts may bring many within the fold of God.

How do I miss the happy hours that mother and I have spent together attending church and Sunday School. We have prayer meetings in our home sometimes now, and the Ladies Aid society meets with us also occasionally. Please remember in your prayers my brother who is still in the hospital that he may soon get well.

Best wishes to the Baptist readers. May God greatly bless everyone of you. May I look forward to receiving your subscription to the "Southern Farmer" very soon.

Miss Ida E. Valentine,
Louisburg, North Carolina
Route 4, Box 263
(Franklin County)

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

EDITORIAL

The National Association and the Women's National Convention of Free Will Baptists will convene with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, July 11-15, 1943. Due to war conditions, only delegates and ministers of the various churches in the several states are urged to attend this annual session of these National Bodies. All matters of vital importance to be transacted for the welfare of the denomination will, nevertheless, be carefully and prayerfully considered by those who go to represent their state and district organizations. Be it understood that it does not mean, at all, the business matters of the National Association and of the Women's National Convention cannot and will not be properly attended to because of a considerable decrease in attendance at this session than has been shown heretofore. Not that. On the other hand, boards and committees, together with public discussions in assemblies, most often do their best work when smaller groups gather for the transaction of vital business matters.

May those of us who shall not be able to attend this session of the National Association look forward to an excellent report of the proceedings of the two National Bodies which will convene in Nashville this year. May each matter of vital importance be carefully and prayerfully considered for the general welfare of the whole denomination. May proper decisions be made to further the cause of righteousness in the world. Let those who attend these Bodies rightly assume, with great interest and concern, the responsibilities placed upon them, and make decisions which shall prove in months to come to be blessings for the cause of Christ.

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The Free Will Baptists of the State of South Carolina are now working toward organizing the conferences and associations into a State Association similar as many of the other states have done. Rev. L. A. Halliday, and other progressive Free Will Baptist ministers of that State, are seeing the need for a better cooperation and a greater organization of the work of the church for the future growth and expansion of the denominational work in their State.

Let us hope that their efforts shall prove highly successful and greatly beneficial to the cause of church organization, and that the church people in general in their local organizations will greatly rejoice in seeing a State Body well organized and properly functioning in just a little while for the glory of God. In unity there is strength; in true Christian fellowship there is spiritual growth; and in unity of purpose and effort in the church of the living God there is certainly to be progress and stability in the furtherance of God's kingdom work. May God greatly bless these brethren in their undertaking to unite the Free Will Baptists of the State of South Carolina into a State Association.

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Reverend Henry Melvin's recent report of his trip to Cuba in the interest of missions is indeed interesting reading. He certainly has given the Baptist readers some things to consider relative to the rapidly growing Mission Field of our work in Cuba, and also the pressing needs for greater financial support of the new work in that country.

For the report and the good pictures of the groups of people who are representative of what is being accomplished there for the glory of God, we ask the readers to turn to page four of this issue of the Baptist and read for themselves the good things that Brother Melvin has had to say about the work in Cuba. It should be inspiring to everyone who reads his report to be willing to do more for the furtherance of the cause of missions than ever before.

THE HIGHWAY OF GUIDANCE

James H. McConkey

"He leadeth me." (Ps. 23: 3.)
"Present your bodies a living sacrifice." (Rom. 12: 1.)

As the traveler journeys through a strange country he finds it is covered with a network of byways. Some skirt the banks of swift-flowing streams; others plunge into the great forest and are soon lost in its depths. Some make their way up the steep mountainside until they reach its lofty summit; others pierce great landed estates, and meander through lawn, field and woodland copse. All these are byways, and most of them private ways. In them you and I would be trespassers for they are not meant for us. But in addition to these byways the same country will be overrun with broad highways. Stretching from town to town and city to city run these great highways of shining sand, or rich red clay, or gray macadam. And they are the ways of the people. They are free to all who will walk therein. Rich and poor, bond and free, high and low, alike may enter upon and use these great arteries of commerce and travel.

Even so is it in the Christian life. Men say, "God has never revealed to me any individual plan for my life. I have never found His byway of guidance for me." And that may be true. Perchance you have never seen God's byway for your life. But here is a greater truth. Have you ever entered into **God's Highway?** For running all the way through this Book of God, and blazoned upon every page of it is a great highway. **It is the highway of consecration. It is for all** believers. No man who walks in this highway need ever fear missing God's byway. And the reason most men are missing the particular call of God to their own personal life-work is because they have never obeyed the general call of God to all believers to enter upon this highway of dedication to Him. "If any man will to do My will he shall know the teaching." Here is an absolute promise of guid-

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A STRANGE DREAM

He was a blacksmith, and a most wretchedly wicked man. He knew everything that was blatant and blasphemous in infidelity. He hated everything that was good, and loved everything that was bad. He studied to make himself an irritation to all who believed God, not even sparing his wife, who did the best she could in the patience and Kingdom of Jesus. This man was given up as altogether beyond moral recovery, and so indeed he seemed. Prayer was made as though he had no existence; churches were opened and shut, but never with reference to him; the gospel was preached and mercy offered, but no one connected him with God's message to the world.

A few miles back in the country from the blacksmith's town there lived an old couple, Father and Mother Brown. They were close to ninety years of age. Theirs had been lives of conscious acceptance with God and of patient, unremitting devotedness to Him; and they were waiting without sorrow and without fear for the promised Home-going.

Very early one morning the old man awoke, terribly agitated, and began to call his wife: "Get up, wife! Get up!"

"Why, old man," she said, "what is the matter?"

He answered: "I can't tell you now what's the matter; for I must start a fire in the kitchen. I want you to get breakfast ready as soon as you can; for I've got to go to town this morning."

"You go to town this morning!" she exclaimed. "Why, you are out of your head. You can't go to town. You haven't got any way of going, and I know you can't walk."

"Don't tell me what I can't do," the old man persisted. "I tell you, I've got to go to town. I had a dream last night, and—well, I'll go and make the fire, then tell you about it."

His wife followed him, the breakfast was prepared, and when the meal was over the old man started for town. It was a long and weary way for an old man to walk, but some strange strength was supplied him, and without stopping to rest he kept on. The village was reached. Through the main street he trudged, then into the narrow cross street, and made to the shop of "Devil John," the blacksmith.

"Father Brown!" he exclaimed, in great amazement; "what are you doing here, and so early in the morning?"

The old man answered: "That's just what I've come to tell you. Let's go inside, where I can sit down; for I'm tired."

Together they went into the shop, and when seated the old man said: "John, I had a dream last night, and I've come to tell you about it. I dreamed that the hour I have thought about so much and tried to keep ready for so long was come. It was my time to die. And it was just like I thought it was going to be; for it was just as the Lord promised it should be. I wasn't the least bit afraid. How could I be? My room was full of angels, and they all spoke to me, and I loved them, and know they loved me. Then some of them stopped and slipped their arms under me, and away we went. Beyond the hills and beyond the clouds we mounted through the starry skies. O, how they sang! I never heard anything like it in my life. On we swept, and on, till one of them said, "Look yonder, now there's Heaven!'

"O, John, I can't tell you how I felt when I was in sight of Heaven; nor can I tell you what I saw when I looked. I don't believe any one could tell it. It was so peaceful, so beautiful, so pure, and so glorious! As we drew nearer, I saw the gates swinging open, and with even faster wing than we had come we swept through them into the City. Such a welcome! Welcome from everybody; all so glad; every hill seemed robed in gladness; it was in the fragrance of the flowers, in the music of every harp, in the song of every tongue, in the grasp of every hand;gladness everywhere, because I had come. Why, they made over me like I was somebody, when I was only a poor sinner saved by Jesus' Blood. I found all my children there—not one of them lost—my boy that you used to be with and play with so much when you went to school together, was there; and your old mother, who was in my classes when I went to school. And after a time—I don't know how long it was—I saw the same angels who brought me bringing another; and it was my dear, sweet wife. I loved her more than ever when they brought her to me there. She was fairer than the day we married. We sat under the trees of life together, and walked by the river that flows from the throne of God. So happy! And I saw angels bringing in others—others that I love and you love. And so the years of eternity rolled.

"Then John all at once it came to me that I hadn't seen you anywhere. I set out to look for you. I went into every street, looked everywhere, asked everybody, but could get no trace of you. I was distressed more than you can know; and I went to the Lord, my precious Saviour, and asked Him where you were. And, O John, that you could have seen how sorry He was when He told me that you hadn't come! 'Not come!' I said. 'Why didn't John come?' And He wept, just as I suppose He often did did when He was down here, and told me, 'Nobody ever asked John to come.' O, I fell at His feet. I bathed them with my tears. I laid my cheeks upon them, and I cried: Blessed Lord! Just let me out of here half an hour, and I'll go and ask him to come. I'll give him the invitation.' And right then and there I woke up. It was beginning to get light in the east, and I was so glad that I was alive, so I could come and ask you to go to Heaven; and now here I am; and I have told you my dream, and I want you to go."

With other words the old man urged the royal invitation, but the blacksmith stood as one petrified. He could not speak nor move. Father Brown got up, and saying, "Good-bye, John; remember, you are asked to come," took his staff and started home.

The blacksmith seemed to come to himself, and, as one recovering from a magician's charm, he set out to pur-

sue the labors of the day. But everything went wrong—the bellows would not work right, the hammers would not strike right, the nails would not go in right, the horse would not stand right. "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" he began to sob at last, and leaving the shop, he went home. He told his wife of Father Brown's visit. "Blessed be God!" she said. "We will send the horse and buggy, and have him come back." "Yes," he added; "for I mean to accept the invitation, and I want him to pray God to keep me true and steadfast to the end."

—Gospel Tract.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT CAMP LEACH

An announcement was published in this paper several weeks ago to the effect that we would again have our camp this year. Plans were made by the Camp Committee to hold our assembly the first week in August.

However, upon a thorough investigation of the possibilities of a successful camp, the committee learned several things that were not very favorable. In the first place the problem of securing sufficient points for the purchase of food was acute. Then the matter of obtaining extra gasoline for transporting commodities was investigated and the committee learned that there was no extra fuel forthcoming. A third significant fact which helped form the decision of the committee, was the calling off of all the church camps by the manager, Mr. Stephen Gardner, who for a number of years has been manager of the camps for the Episcopalian young people of East Carolina. In his opinion, and we quote his words, "The group that goes there this year in the face of these obstacles is a very brave group."

We sincerely regret to announce that the camp will be postponed for the duration or at least until conditions are decidedly improved.

—Clarence Bowen,
Member Camp Committee
Proxy for Rev. E. C. Morris

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

ORGANIZED PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

By Rev. Marie Thomas Hyatt

Among the far-reaching results of the first year's work in the Bible College was the banding together of a group of young men and women who have covenanted to pray definitely and systematically for the furtherance of the Gospel in all parts of the world.

The course in World-Wide Missions, which provided us with detailed knowledge of the inadequately worked and the totally unreached regions of the earth, led the members of the class to resolve to do something that would vitally touch the world's present missionary situation. Our neighbor South America, embracing in her interior a territory 2,000 miles long and from 500 to 1,500 miles wide, represents the largest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world. Africa challenges us by an unevangelized interior nearly as large. The heart of Asia presents to us an area as large as the United States of America, and a population of 33,000,000, almost totally without the Gospel. India's many unoccupied districts and native states cry out for Gospel light. Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan, Afghanistan, and portions of China and Japan, not to mention Europe and the Islands of the Sea, all have left their Macedonian call ringing in our ears, and we have felt that even while preparing ourselves for service we must share in a real way in getting the Gospel out to these parts.

Before the close of the school year every one of the ten regular members of the Missions class had caught a missionary vision that moved him or her to pray to be sent, if it were God's will, to some remote, unevangelized field. In addition, we solemnly covenanted with one another and with God to pause for prayer daily, wherever we might be, at 1:00 o'clock Central War Time. Some of the fields named above have never yet opened their doors to the Gospel, while others have recently closed their doors. We are praying that these doors might be opened to missionaries. We are praying for the missionaries who are on the fields amidst war conditions, enduring the hardships that must inevitably be imposed upon them in time of war. Many missionaries are imprisoned and we are resolved to fellowship in their sufferings through prayer. But we are particularly concerned that there shall be no unnecessary retarding of missionary work in these days. We believe that in His own way God is able to overrule circumstances and make this war promote rather than stop the spread of the Gospel. So we are especially praying that the Lord will make clear and definite His missionary call to many of our own men and women, and thrust them forth into the world's harvestfield. We give thanks for victories in Cuba and pray for our missionaries and native workers in

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REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*
709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, N. C.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church
July 13, 1943—9 a. m.

GENERAL BOARD—The following members of the National Association will please be in attendance in person, or by proxies holding written appointments, at 9 a. m., July 13, 1943, in East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church: Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Rev. Millard VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky., Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Wilson, N. C., Rev. Jas. A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Hinson, Hurricane, W. Va., W. L. Williams, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., Rev. Charles R. Porter, Sesser, Ill., Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio, Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

The Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer of the National Association together with the President of the National Sunday School Convention and the President of the National Auxiliary Convention will please attend this session either in person or by proxy.

L. R. Ennis, Executive-Secretary

GUIDANCE

ance. But to whom? To the child of God who yields his own will to do the will of God.

Away up in the north country a Christian missionary was speaking to his Indian friends of consecration. Presently, as he spoke, an old Indian chief arose, walked forward and laid **his tomahawk at the missionary's feet: "Indian chief give his tomahawk to Jesus Christ,"** said he, and sat down. Still the missionary spoke on of the love of God in Christ Jesus; of the gift of His Son for us and of His claim upon our lives. **Rising from his seat the old chief walked forward once more to the front. Unwrapping his blanket** from his shoulders he laid it at the preacher's feet, saying, **"Indian chief give his blanket to Jesus Christ."** Again he sat down. But still the messenger preached on concerning the love of God in Christ. Still he showed how God had rifled heaven of its choicest gift and sent Him to earth to redeem us lost men and give Himself for us. Presently the old chief was seen to disappear from the meeting. By and by he came **leading his pony to the tent door.** He tied it to a stake and again walked up the aisle. Facing the missionary, he said, **"Indian chief give his pony to Jesus Christ."** Once more he took his seat. He had given about all he had—all the things he had. Have some of us too given Him things instead of ourselves? And now as the missionary preached of the God who spared not His only Son, but freely gave Him up for us, he pressed upon his hearers the claim of Jesus Christ upon the life. Still the message kept sinking into their hearts. And then the old chieftain arose for the last time. He walked forward with tottering steps to the front of the tent. He kneeled down reverently before the missionary. With tears streaming down his bronzed cheeks he said with trembling lips, **"Indian Chief give himself to Jesus Christ."** Then and there through the open portal of a yielded will he took the first blessed step into the highway of consecration. Mark first concerning this highway that,

It Is a Highway of Love

Why does love follow in the train of consecration? Why shall the children of God who enter the highway of dedication know the love of Jesus in their hearts? Because "The fruit of the Spirit is love." And as we yield the life to Christ in dedication, it gives the Spirit of God opportunity to bear His fruitage of love in our hearts and lives. And so the more the life is yielded to Christ in consecration, and the more that consecration is lived out in it, the more will the love of Christ himself flow forth in a stream of life to others.

Have you ever noted that after Paul has gone through this wonderful catalogue of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, he shows "a more excellent way"? There is one gift more wonderful than all these. This gift is the climax and consummation of all gifts. Such is God's word concerning Christian love. It is the summing up of all gifts. The man or woman to whom there comes the gift of love in Christ Jesus has the mightiest equipment for Christian service possible for any individual believer.

Into the life of a dear brother of my own came this experience. The winter was ending. The ice was breaking in our native river. The freshets were piling it up in great gorges along the banks. A few miles above our home was a little town at which an immense ice gorge had formed in the river. Just below this gorge was an island, upon which the gorge had imprisoned eleven men, women and children. Every one knew the fate which awaited them. The instant this huge ice gorge, with its great weight of water behind it, should break, it would sweep those lives out of existence. My brother learned of the situation. Putting fifty dollars in his pocket he hastened to the little town. Arriving there he found the people waiting on the banks of the river for the catastrophe which seemed inevitable. Stepping up to the crowd he offered the fifty dollars to any man who would attempt the rescue of the imperiled ones. But not a man stirred. Again and again did he repeat the offer, but there came no sign of response. Then he sent a little lad into a nearby store for line. When he brought it out, my brother tied one end of it around his waist, and offered to join with any man who would rope himself to

him in an effort to rescue the lives that were in instant jeopardy of death. Immediately four men leaped to his side. They roped themselves to the same line of peril with himself, and these five men, picking their way over the dangerous gorge at the imminent hazard of their own lives, brough in safety to the shore every man, woman and child upon the ice. When my brother offered money to the people on the river bank not a man stirred. But when they saw him give himself and saw the love for these imperiled lives that was back of it, it drew them to his side in an instant.

And so shall it be with you, my friends. Would you be a famous singer? You may give your matchless voice. Would you stand high in some chosen profession? You may give your best brains, and it shall be done. Would you chisel your way to fame in marble, or paint it upon canvass? You need but give your artistic talent with its years of toil, and it shall be accomplished. But if you are going to enter into the biggest business in God's universe—that of transforming men's lives, that of shaping the immortal destinies of men and women, that of uplifting and inspiring the lives of those with whom God brings you in touch—if you want this to be the aim of your life, then you must give yourself. And when men see you give yourself a strange and beautiful thing will happen. The young man and young woman who sit at your feet as learners, or who toil in your employ, will come into a new experience. Into the faces of some of them will come a holy light. Into their hearts will steal a high and divine purpose. They will tie themselves to the same great life line which binds you, and with you will give themselves to the task of reaching out for lost men. Oh! what a magnet is the love of Christ through us! Hear these words: **"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men."** The Christ of love lifted up on the cross is drawing all men; and that same Christ, pouring forth His love through your heart, will draw men through you. Some day some of these splendid young men whose lives you are influencing will turn their faces to the foreign mission field. Some day they will stand in a pulpit, preaching the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Christ. Some day, as successful business men, they will be giving their skill and their gold and their time to Christ and missions. Yea, mayhap some day out in the dark lands, when some faithful missionary is asked the question, "What brought you here?" "How came you to the foreign field?" the answer will come, "Away back in my little home town, I had a school teacher who was yielded to God. She lived the love life. I saw it in her face. I heard it in her words. I felt it in her life, and it drew me, it drew me and that is why I am here today."

"He leadeth me." But whither is He leading you? First into this highway of love. For how vain would it be for Him to lead you into His individual byway of service for your life until you first knew the touch of His love. Though you could speak with the tongues of men and angels: though you possessed the rarest personal gifts: though your intellectual equipment was that of a genius: though you could cleave your way to the highest pinnacle of success in your chosen byway of activity, yet, if you had no touch of His love in your heart, it would profit you nothing to lead you into your pathway of individual service. He has a "more excellent way." He would, as you enter into this highway of consecration, make your inner soul to glow and burn with that love for lost men which will be your supreme furnishment for the pathway of special, personal ministry in which He will then make your life so rich and fruitful.

It Is a Highway of Power

Is the power of the Spirit for the many or for the few? Is it a highway or a byway? It is clearly the former. "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you," said Jesus. All who receive the Spirit are meant to know His power. There is no monoply upon such power. The man who walks in the way of consecration shall know the power of the spirit of God. For it is a power which gives itself to the children of God who yield themselves to Him.

I have a Christian railroad friend, a passenger conductor on a train running into a southern city. One morning on his usual run he was sitting beside a wealthy turpentine merchant. Presently the train stopped at a wayside station. A young man, visibly intoxicated, stepped aboard the train. He dropped down beside a companion with the words, **"I drank a quart of whiskey since 5 o'clock this morning."** And then he went on with a perfect stream of profanity and blasphemy. My friend stood it as long as he could. Then he said to his companion, "I cannot endure this any longer. Please excuse me." He arose and crossed the aisle. The companion of the young man vacated his seat. The Christian railroad conductor sat down beside the blasphemer. "I have listened to your profanity, young man," said he, "until I cannot bear it any longer. My dear boy, have you a mother and father?"

"Yes," replied the young fellow. "Are they Christians?" asked the conductor. "They are," said the boy. "My father is an officer in a church." "Well, young man, can you imagine how your mother's heart would bleed if she stood here and heard you blaspheme the name of Christ as I have heard you this morning? Why, she would not take all the silver and gold in the world, and hear that." And then as he went on with increasing earnestness, my friend put his arm over the profaning boy's shoulder and pleaded with him to cease from his manner of life. Presently the boy broke down utterly. He put his head on the conductor's shoulder and sobbed out his penitence like a child. As they dismounted at the end of the run the young fellow made an appointment to meet the conductor at his room at the hotel to talk it over with him. And talk it over they did to a finish. It ended in the young man giving his heart to Christ and parting from the conductor. The next year the conductor learned he was superintendent of a prosperous little Sunday school and giving noble testimony for Jesus Christ.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*

Middlesex, N. C. Greenville, Tenn.

FORM OF BEQUEST

Date_____

"I give and bequeath to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Incorporated, Middlesex, N. C., the amount of $_____.

Name_____

Address_____"

A gift may be made_____you may include an amount in Life Insurance. We can use War Bonds series "F." Your gifts to this cause are not taxable and may be deducted in your income tax returns.

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT FOR FIFTH WEEK

Snow Hill	$ 30.50
Rooty Branch	44.53
Piney Grove, (Duplin Co.)	22.00
Indian Springs	20.32
Grants Chapel	13.02
Northeast	17.08
Mays Chapel	23.00
Total	$170.45

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT FOR SIXTH WEEK

Goldsboro	$ 57.56
Casey's Chapel	190.00
LaGrange	26.00
Bethel	66.00
White Oak Grove	25.12
Christian Chapel	60.00
Christian Chapel S. S.	10.00
Deep Run	36.47
Total	$471.15

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1943

Farm Receipts	$ 123.85
Sneads Ferry S. S.	1.48
Stoney Creek Church	8.00
Farm Receipts	16.50
Kenly Jr. S. S. Class	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald	18.50
Kinston S. S.	12.00
Belhaven S. S.	5.32
Warden's Grove S. S.	7.65
Pvt. Alton E. Dail	1.00
Davis Church	7.50
Core Creek S. S.	17.30
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
1st Week, Concert Receipts	259.49
Mrs. Lula Gresham	4.50
Mrs. Esther Williams	15.00
Anderson Branch Church	1.55
Morehead City S. S.	7.50
Farm Receipts	40.80
Arapahoe L. A. S.	10.00
Farm Receipts	1.00
Kenly L. A. S.	1.00
Winterville L. A. S.	5.00
Antioch Church, Wayne County	40.00
A. Friend	1.00
Mrs. I. T. Valentine	5.00
Stancils Chapel Church	5.00
Sweet Gum Grove L. A. S.	25.00
Farm Receipts	35.00
2nd Week Concert Receipts	469.00
Bethel Church, Johnston County	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan Jr.	20.00
Winterville S. S.	5.00
LaGrange S. S.	3.00
Ira Lamb	20.00
Union Chapel Church	18.58
Union Chapel S. S.	9.20
Jr. Dept. of Edgemont S. S.	18.50
A. Friend	1.00
Canton F. W. B. Church	3.90
Jr. Girls' League of Hansley Chapel Church	3.00
Howell Swamp Church	15.00
Arapahoe Church	20.00
Farm Receipts	9.65
Goldsboro S. S.	11.06
Farm Receipts	64.58
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Greenville S. S.	11.75
St. John's Chapel	6.70
Rocky Mount S. S.	3.29
St. Mary's S. S. (Eastern)	8.39
3rd Week Concert Receipts	306.38
Bethany Church	19.56
Middlesex School Lunch Room	22.30
Sidney Church	3.81
Farm Receipts	29.40
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Hull Road S. S.	5.57
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Rains X Roads Church	12.00
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Greenville L. A. S.	18.50
Farm Receipts	8.45
Davis Church	7.50
Little Creek Baptist Church	6.00
St. Paul Church	30.00
Farm Receipts	20.40
St. Paul S. S.	25.00
Total	$2,332.24

PRAYER

that fruitful field. Miss Yeley's contemplated departure to join our forces in Cuba and her adjustment to the work, along with the Willeys' plans for a vacation in the States, are important items on our prayer list. At last our Government has consented to grant Miss Barnard passport facilities for India and she is making preparations to return to our work there. Although requirements now are rigid and tedious, we hope Miss Barnard may be able to sail by August or in August.

The second definite aim of our

Prayer Band is to promote missionary education. During the summer we are seizing every opportunity to inform others of the needs, through quiet, personal contact, mission study courses or any other means.

The participants in this Missionary Prayer Band are altogether voluntary. We have drawn up a mailing list for the sake of keeping one another informed, but we ask no one to "join" and we list no name except by special request of the person himself. We follow this plan in order to be sure that we carry the names of only those who are dead in earnest and who will be faithful in prayer and witness.

We have read, heard and observed that even national affairs have been changed by prayer. The opening of Japan nearly a century ago for trade relations and the subsequent preaching of the Gospel, is directly traceable to united prayer. Indeed, in almost every case where non-Christian countries have made treaties with Christian nations, behind the scene somewhere may be found a band of fervent souls praying for open doors to preach the Gospel to the heathen. In like manner, we are daring to believe that God will use us to help bring about a genuine revival of missionary witnessing in this generation, and that in the near future Free Will Baptists will have mission stations in ALL the unevangelized countries in the world.

ONE NIGHT IN AN ARMY CAMP

Ten thousand men, and yet so lonely;
As many mothers lonely, too;
Ten thousand dreams are interrupted.
Ten thousand uniforms are new.

The hour is late; I should be sleeping;
The drill was hard and long today.
A fine bunch these asleep around me—
How strange our paths should cross this way.

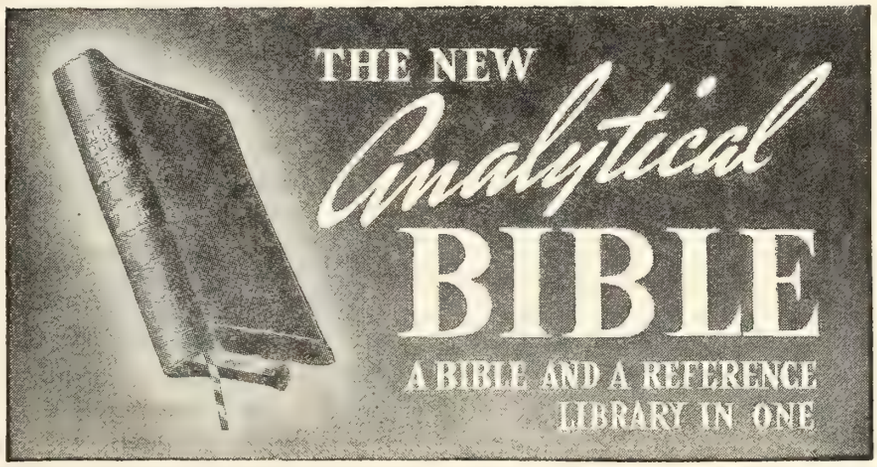
What means this muddle—war's confusion—
They said we had a better world,
And now some stirring phrase of freedom
Is ours, as war flags are unfurled.

The other night the wind was sighing;
It seemed to be in awful pain,
And I was sure I heard it moaning
As it came drifting back again.

I wonder if the wind remembers
The boys and wars of days gone by.
To think of man's repeated folly!
And all the wind can do is sigh.

How foolish seems all human wisdom!
It could make even angels weep;
It must be God will soon do something—
So, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

—Will H. Houghton



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UNITY AND CO-OPERATION

Perhaps we, as a National organization of Christian women, stand in greater need of a unified front than we ever have before. The day in which we are living, with its stress and peril, with the horrors of war, the sacrifice and heart-aches that many of us are experiencing, the fear and the fact that Satan, our greatest enemy, is on the rampage for men's souls, should bind us together in closer fellowship and unity, in the promotion of our Lord's work as a whole.

Each officer in our National Convention has a specific work to do, each independent, yet dependent on each other, because the duties of each one and the success we want to attain, depends largely on the manner in which we accept our responsibilities. Therefore, we are urging each vice-president to do her best in being prepared to render the best service possible at our Convention.

I realize, however, that in order for them to do their best, the various States must co-operate in sending their reports to the National Officers. This is a vital part of our work, as it will be impossible to give accurate reports, unless each State Convention, or District, where there is no State organization, send to their respective Vice-President, the necessary information regarding what has been done for Christian Education, Missions, Orphanages, Retired Ministers', and others activities, including the number of members subscribing to our Church papers and the use of Tracts, together with Vacation Bible Schools. All of this should, if it has not already been sent, be mailed out at once. One of our greatest handicaps has been, and still is, the failure on the part of some of our Auxiliaries, to realize the importance of setting a goal, making plans by which they can work in harmony to reach the peak of our ambitions and in depending wholly on God for leadership. I find that when our Vice-Presidents work out a plan of action in their respective line of duty, and place them before our women, that in most cases, they are co-operative and eager to take part in the promotion of that particular object.

Our National Auxiliary Convention is to meet soon with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church in Tennessee. Because of adverse conditions from many angles, perhaps some of our women will feel that their efforts will not be worthwhile, that the sacrifices will be in vain, but if we forget self, and put our Father's cause first, I believe we shall be able to accomplish things for Him that will render us more anxious to be about the things pertaining to His work. I hope we shall have a good representation from our States, and that each delegate will come praying, that this session will be one in which the Lord may be glorified and His kingdom work promoted, despite all of the evil influences and labor of the great common enemy of mankind.

"The Great Commission—our Commission," has been carefully studied in North Carolina this year, and I hope other States have done likewise.

I have attended our State Auxiliary and the most of our District Conventions this year have taken part in all of the revival meetings that Mr. Griffin has held, and altogether, been as active as I could in the work of the Lord, and yet I am far from satisfied, for I see the need of a more united, co-operative spirit among our people. So I am praying earnestly that we shall reach out and grasp the golden opportunities that are coming to us day by day, and that I shall have the prayers of all of you for a great victory over Satan in our National Convention.

Yours for service,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin,

President National Convention

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ST. PAUL'S AID REPORT

The monthly joint meeting of the W. L. Jernigan Circle and Eunice Lee Morris Circle was held Monday evening June 7, 1943, at the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. H. I. Fowler, President of the E. L. M. Circle, was in charge of the meeting which was opened by everyone joining in singing "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. F. Wallace. The scripture lesson was read from the 2nd chapter of First Corinthians by Mrs. Fowler. The meeting was continued by singing "Sweeter As the Years Go By."

The program for the month of June was given with different members of the E. L. M. Circle taking the topics. A duet, "Face to Face," by Miss Grace Watson and Ruth Jennings was very much enjoyed, also a solo by Mrs. Fowler, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

A special prayer for foreign and home missions was offered by Rev. W. A. Hales.

There were seventeen members present. The two circles reported $6.00 each raised during May for Missions.

The meeting was brought to a close by everyone joining in singing "Jesus Saves." Dismissed by a prayer by Mrs. John W. Copeland.

Mrs. Edward W. Basnight,

Elizabeth City, N. C.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Women's Auxiliary Convention Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tenn. July 12, 13, 1943

Executive Committee Meeting
July 12, 1943, at 2:00 p. m.

East Nashville F. W. B. Church
518 Woodland Street

Monday Night Session—July 12

7:30—Hymn, "Joy to the World"
—Devotional, Mrs. Raymond Sasser, N .C.
—Organization
(a) Enrollment of Delegates
(b) Election of Nominating Committee
(c) Appointment of Committees
—Welcome Address, Mrs. Henry Melvin, Tenn., president local Auxiliary. Presentation of Local Committees
—Response, Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Ky.
—Special Music, Mixed Chorus, Bible School Students
8:30—Address, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.
—Adjournment

Tuesday Morning Session—July 13

9:00—Hymn, "The King's Business"
—Devotional, Mrs. Emma Moore, Illinois
—Fellowship Greetings, Rev. Henry Melvin
—Reading of Executive Committee Minutes, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Secy.
9:45—Message of the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, N. C.
10:00—Greetings from our Mission Fields, Mrs. Laura B. Barnard, Ga.
—Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation"
10:30—In Response to the Wondrous Commission:
1. Mission Study, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Third Vice-Pres.
2. Stewardship, Miss Lola Johnston, Fourth Vice-Pres.
3. Personal Service, Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Fifth Vice-Pres.
11:00—Report of Nominating Committee
—Election of Officers
11:30—Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us"
—Address, Mrs. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Kansas
—Announcements
—Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:30—Hymn, "Send the Light"
—Devotional, Mrs. E. K. Brown of Mississippi
—Minutes by Recording Secretary
1:45—In Obedience to the Wondrous Commission·
1. On the Home Fields, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, National Field Worker
2. Through Christian Education, Mrs. Opal Bingham, Second Vice-Pres.
3. By the Printed Page, Mrs. Agnes Frazier, First Vice-Pres.
2:30—Treasur's Report, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tenn.
2:40—Committee Reports
Registration
Appreciation
Plan of Work
Resolutions
Obituary
3:30—Miscellaneous Business
4:30—Reading of Minutes by Recording Secretary
—Hymn, "Come Women Wide Proclaim"
—Prayer, Miss Tommie Franklin, Texas
—Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

The Program Committee

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A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM NAT. FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

This is the last writing I shall be able to give before the National Association. We all like to have in our homes, a good alarm clock that will wake us on time. Oftentimes if the alarm failed to go off, we would lose our jobs. We are very careful therefore to have it set at the right hour, so that everything will be well through the day. Now, in order for us to have good reports at the National Association, let's start right away with reports. Get them to the various officers when they need to be sent.

A word to our dear women: I am asking every president, and also our pastors to remind the women of our "Jehoiada Chests," and by the last of this month, let's send an extra offering, so at our Convention, we can have plenty to give to the different phases of the work. If some should be behind a few dollars let's catch up.

The ones who have been giving every month, just send $2.00 instead of one, and see how that would help. Another thing, let's be praying over the election of our officers for another year which is an important matter. Our work is growing and we want to keep it that way.

Now, to every state Field Worker, you get me your report as soon as possible. I have just been out of Texas a week and have been visiting churches in Mississippi and Alabama. I will go to one of Bro. Hollis' churches on Sunday to assist in the Auxilliary convention that we organized last fall. I am at this time in Vernon, Ala. I visited Bro. M. E. Carpenter's church here last night and will visit other rural churches in the next few nights. We need your prayers more and more in this great work. Send your reports, field workers, to Huntsville, Tex.

God bless our work and workers everywhere.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

NOTICE TO ALL LEAGUES IN NORTH CAROLINA

The executive committee of the State League Convention has decided to postpone the Convention for the duration, or at least until means of transportation are much better.

The Convention was scheduled to meet with Hickory Chapel church near Ahoskie, July 3, 4.

We deeply appreciate the kindness of Hickory Chapel and hope to meet with them in our next session, either in 1944 or 1945.

—The Executive Committee

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 5: 21.

St. Claire Bible Class

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JOHN'S COUNSEL TO CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for June 27)

Lesson: 2 John 1: 4-11; 3 John 1: 5-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III Jn. 1: 2).

One of the many false charges laid against Christianity by its enemies is the common claim that Christians are so concerned with the souls of men they have neither time nor desire to do anything for their physical welfare. This, like all antichristian propaganda, is easily refuted, since the entire history of our faith is one long record of kindness and charity toward the needy. In the very first century of our era, Paul was himself gathering funds for the feeding of the poor, and in our own day we maintain the unbroken tradition with our rescue missions, relief programs, deacons' funds, and medical missions. The physical sufferings of mankind have been much relieved by the kindly acts of Christians, and where the Gospel has not gone compassion for physical suffering is rarely manifested.

He had no desire to see God's people sickly, weak, ineffective, and handicapped—by physical inability, so in his daily progress he remembered to ask God for bodily health for himself and all his dear children in Christ. It is quite possible, of course, to serve God and glorify His Name by fortitude and courage in suffering, and many a noble servant has preached great sermons from a hospital bed. But the work of the world and the labor of the church must go on, and God needs husky, healthy Christians to carry out His program in evangelizing the age.

—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The true walk of young Christians brings great joy to their elders (II Jn. 1: 4).

2. Obedience to the Lord is the proof of our love for Him (vss. 5, 6).

3. He who has become thoroughly indoctrinated by the Truth will have no difficulty in discerning error (vs. 7).

4. It is possible to have the free gift of salvation but to lose the reward that comes for faithful service (vss. 8).

5. It is impossible to be a Christian without recognizing Jesus Christ as well as the Father (vs. 9).

6. False teachers should get neither support nor sympathy from true Christians (vss. 10, 11).

7. Spiritual growth, faithfulness and impartiality are some of the marks of a true servant of Christ (III Jn. 1: 5, 6).

8. Helping the Lord's messengers makes us sharers in their work (vss. 7, 8).

9. Church "bosses" hurt true workers and hinder the progress of the Lord's work (vss. 9, 10).

10. If our walk is right, the Word of truth itself will bear witness to it (vss. 11, 12).

11. Our **Advanced Quarterly** points out that there is a close relationship between **Walking in truth** and **loving** one another.

12. Our **Senior Quarterly** contrasts Diotrephes and Demetrius very effectively.

13. Paul wrote thirteen or fourteen Books of the N. T. John wrote how many?

III. The Lesson Illustrated

In the illustration used by the Indian he spoke of the sharp corners becoming rounded if he persisted in wrongdoing. It is the same thing that we call the hardening of conscience. The Scriptures declare that conscience may be seared (I Tim. 4: 2). That is the same thought. It receives a thick scar that is not very sensitive. The individual is able to engage in transactions which he knows are seriously wrong, and yet have no compunctions about them. Governor Folk of Missouri told an incident which illustrates this thought. A certain Missouri legislator had accepted a bribe, and shortly after left the capital by train with the bribe money stuffed into his pocketbook. When he awoke on the sleeper the next morning, he could not find his pocketbook. He called the porter, who at first denied all knowledge of the theft, but later confessed and returned the money. The legislator thereupon gave him a serious lecture. "See here, my man," said he, "I could send you to prison for that; but I will not. I will, however, give you a piece of advice. Always remember that honesty is the best policy." He was guilty of a penitentiary offense himself, yet his conscience was so hardened that he felt qualified to threaten another who was guilty.

—Selected.

There is a marked difference between Gaius and Demetrius on one hand and Diotrephes on the other hand.

You may have heard the illustration used by an Indian. "Ah," he said, "I know what my conscience is. It is a little three-cornered thing in here"—and he laid his hand on his heart—"which stands still when I am good; but when I am bad it begins to turn and causes much pain. But if I keep on being bad the sharp corners become round and by and by it doesn't hurt anymore."

Perhaps Diotrephes' conscience had caused him much pain at first but when John wrote this Epistle it had become very much rounded.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1: 5, 6.

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

The Albemarle Union met with the church at Mount Tabor on May 29, 1943, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. F. Davenport, after which the moderator made some pointed remarks for the interest of the union. Then, the business was entered into by the calling of the list of ministers and noting the following who were present: W. A. Hales, T. F. Davenport, and R. P. Harris. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter from Rev. J. C. Griffin was read before the body, and the list of churches was called with eleven being represented with a total donation of $19.50 for missions, and $23.00 for the union.

A motion was carried to adopt the rule for the union to go from church to church, as the list now appears.

The union called off the business period for preaching services, and Rev. R. P. Harris delivered the eleven o'clock message.

The afternoon session began at 1:35 P. M. with Brother Alonza Reynolds conducting the devotions. A plea for Little Creek Church, Virginia, was made by the moderator and the clerk. An offering to the amount of $20.37 was taken. Then a motion was offered and carried to take from the Mission Treasury enough money to make this $40.00, and ask the treasurer to send it to Rev. W. E. Richardson for Little Creek Church.

All reports were then made and accepted. The next union will be held with Malachi's Chapel in Tyrrell County in August. It was moved and carried to extend a vote of thanks to this church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. It was moved to adjourn until the next time in course, to meet on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator,

J. A. Harris, Clerk

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REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT SHADY GROVE

The revival meeting will be held at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, North Carolina, beginning on June 27, Fourth Sunday night, and continuing for one week. Rev. W. R. Williams of Kenly, N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend the services each evening.

Rev. M. E. Godwin, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES OFFERED

A pastor of Free Will Baptist churches in Florida and southern Alabama desires to fill the summer months in evangelistic meetings. If any church should like to have an old time revival meeting (without any "frills"), communicate with Rev. D. W. Poole, Midland City, Alabama, cfo Sidney Jackson.

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It Is a Highway of Manifestation

"He that keepeth My commandments I will manifest Myself to him," says Christ in John 14: 21. What does He mean? He could not have referred to His bodily manifestation because that was already with them. Already they were looking into His face. They were hearing the tender tones of His familiar voice. His loving eyes were searching them through and through as He gazed upon them. He was clearly not speaking to them of His bodily presence. He was revealing to them the great secret of the manifestation of Himself in their own inner souls. What was that secret? Simply this: He who would see the face of Christ must walk in the path where Christ walks. If we live in His will we shall know the manifestation of His presence.

It is this. Suppose you are my dear friend. You have been absent in a strange land for many years. I hear you are in the city. I write and ask you to tell me where I can see you. You say, "You may find me any time this afternoon walking on Broad Street between two certain points." I go down town. I begin to walk up and down Market Street instead of Broad. Hour after hour I walk, but have no manifestation of your presence. I go back and write you of my disappointment. You answer: "You kept your tryst in the wrong street. If you want to see me you must come where I walk."

Even so is it in the Christian life. How shall we know Him in our inner soul? If we want to see the Master's face we must walk in the Master's path. "If any man will come after me"—what? Let him walk in the pathway of his own self-will? Nay; let him deny himself. You cannot meet Christ in the pathway Himself. "A body hast Thou given me," said He, "Lo, I come to do Thy will." He gave that body to do His Father's will, even to the bitter moment when He "bore our sins in His own body on the tree." And now He is saying to us, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." And why? For the same purpose—to do His will. God has given us our bodies for the same purpose that Jesus Christ had His, to do the Father's will. Christ had His, to do the Father's will. When we walk in that pathway we will walk with Him and know His manifestation. For that is what consecration means. It is simply leaving the pathway of self-will to walk in the pathway of the Master. And he who walks in the highway of Christ's will shall know the spiritual manifestation of Christ in his innermost soul as none other can possibly know it.

It Is a Highway of Revelation

I had been living on the banks of the Mediterranean all winter. Many a time had I stood by its shore. Many a long walk had I taken along its white sands. But the time had come for me to leave my winter home. Taking my bicycle—for I was traveling a-wheel—I started up the mountain road which led from the beautiful city where I had been wintering. Moment by moment I steadily climbed the steep summit until I reached the highest point of the road overlooking the water. The great inland sea lay at my feet an infinite expanse of beauty; the surf broke in snowy whiteness upon the beach two thousand feet below me; lovely islands slep half submerged in the blue haze; white sails dotted the horizon in the dim distance; the telegraph wires were droning their song in the gentle breeze; heaven seemed to brood over the spot with a holy awe. It was a scene of transcendent loveliness. As my soul feasted upon it in the hush of the afternoon hour I realized that I had never really seen the Mediterranean until I saw it from this lofty mountain eyrie on the great highway of the Corniche road.

Ah, my friend, you who are living the self-centered life, you will never really see life until you see it from the lofty viewpoint of God's own highway of consecration. You may dream its dreams: you may sing its songs: you may hear the roar and tumult of its conflicts: you may grasp after its prizes: you may float at ease upon the stream of its numberless pleasures, but you will never really see life until you see it as God sees it for you, and is lovingly and tenderly waiting to show it to you. And when you stand upon that uplifted place of consecration and look out over the broad expanse of God's will and purpose for your life, what a vision it will be for you! Then will darkness flee away: then will faith grow steady: then will groping cease: then will the bewildering labyrinth of human plans and pathways vanish away, and blazed like a pathway through a great forest will lie your trail of life marked out by God from all eternity and only waiting for you to hear His word "**Follow thou Me.**"

"He leadeth me." But whither? **Into this highway of consecration.** It is the first sight which greets the believer's eyes as he steps out from the crimson fountain which has cleansed his sin-stained soul. It confronts him like a great triumphal arch, opening into the pathway of his life of ministry. A pierced hand flings open its portals before his eyes. A voice from the Redeemer of his soul cries out, "I beseech you present your body a living sacrifice." Its gates are crimsoned with the

blood of Him Who gave Himself for you. Its archway is empurpled with the rich clusters of fruitage the hidden vine in the heavenlies is seeking to bear through you, His yielded branch. It echoes with the shouts of victory of those who walk its blessed path. It is resplendent with the glory of God which shines from the lives that walk therein in the light of His face to face presence. Oh, what a highway is this! Have you entered it?

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

Drinking and Revelling

I am almost 64 years of age, and can remember the days of the old "bar-room" with all of its hellishness and debauchery. In those days only a very few women drank, at all, and they belonged to the underworld, largely speaking, with a few exceptions, possibly. But it is an uncommon thing now to see women drunk in cafes, restaurants, and other public places. But the women are not alone. Men drink with them. In fact men have been the sole means of making liquor to flow from ABC stores in North Carolina and many of these were hired politicians, who were under the domination of the distillers and liquor manufacturers of the nation. So women are just what men want them to be in many instances, and men are just what women want them to be, in a measure.

Late Hours at Night

You can find at late hours of the night boys and girls, men and women, who have been drinking all the evening, perhaps, at some club, or some gambling den, or some roadhouse. You can find them as they visit cheap places to eat. It is hard for a Christian to find a place decent in which to eat, if he happens to be called out, or is traveling and becomes hungry. The odor of beer and hard liquor, together with the curdling smoke from the cigarettes puffed, often by drunks, almost stifling the un-accustomed to such an atmosphere. I am saying that the ABC store is doing more to damn the youth of Eastern North Carolina yearly, than all the blind-tigers for the past thirty years. Why? Because the person who drank under prohibition did it on the sly. The average man or woman could not purchase liquor if they wanted to. But now it is displayed in the most public places. Newspapers and billboards picture the most beautiful pictures of women with liquor and beer. Every encouragement is offered by those who make and sell to induce people to drink. Those who reap a little revenue want their business to prosper. The more people who drink their way to hell, the better satisfied is the Devil and his business. They seemingly boast about what the county and state gets in the way of revenue. They fail to see the damnable results, in which homes and lives are broken, wrecks on the highways that snap out hundreds of lives because the driver was under the influence of liquor.

So-Called Christians

The name Christian is the grandest name that can be applied to a human being. But for a person to be called a Christian and then live like the devil is a shame and disgrace. No wonder that Jesus said, "Woe unto you hypocrits." If there is one place that the suffering is greater in hell than any other, I am sure that the hypocrite will get that place. It ought to be so, if it is not.

A neighbor recently went out to look for some ice-cream (it is scarce in Eastern North Carolina), and after going to several places he happened to find some, but he had to park his car near a beer joint, and as he looked in, on his way to the drug store, he saw a drunken girl together with a crowd of common loafers who follow up drunken women, and among the number he saw a Sunday School teacher. A man who stands up before a class on Sunday and teaches and then visits beer joints—and follows up every thing that goes along with drinking and revelling needs salvation. In fact a character like that is not fit to open a Bible to even look on its pages. No church should tolerate such a person, one who is morally clean, cannot teach God's word, let alone, a whisky guzzling hypocrite.

But let us change the story; for when I get started after the Devil and the liquor crowd, I never know when to stop shooting that old deceiver. I am sure that all who advocate the use of alcoholic beverages are deceived by their "father" the Devil.

One Month, and What?

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The Responsibility of Being Taught

When we are taught good things by another we are brought under responsibility to the teacher. When any favor is bestowed upon us it places us under an obligation to the one who bestows that favor upon us.

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things" (Gal. 6: 6). There have been too many people in the world who wanted to get all they could and keep it. Some one has said, "Get all you can, and can all you get." That has been our motto in our denominational work. Many of us run "to and fro" to listen to revival sermons, get big speeches, do big things, but when it comes down to the point of laying our lives and our substance on the altar to serve others and carry the Gospel to others, we have said, "Let John do it." That has been very true, when it took money to carry on the work of the Lord. But, our neglect does not change our responsibility. We may shut our eyes to truth, but it does not destroy truth.

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O world, by sin and grief and want molested,
O earth, by blood and tears and sorrow pressed;
O fathers, mothers, pierced in soul, unrested.
O sons of men in garb of war now dressed;
O little children, cast upon rough waters,
O aged ones who trek across lost lands;
O sorrow-stricken Christian sons and daughters—
Lift up your heads, and strengthen one another's hands.

For lo! upon a sure and cloudless morning
Pink buds will dot a bare and blackened bough,
And warm and sweet the winds will blow at dawning,
Though storms and thunder overwhelm you now.

He, too, felt spears in heart and palms and side;
You, too, like Him, shall know an Eastertide!

—Lucile McGregor Campbell

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Jesus Himself

I do not ask Thee, Lord, for outward sign,
  For portents in the earth or flaming sky;
It is enough to know that Thou art mine,
  And not far off, but intimately nigh.

No burning bush I need to speak Thy name,
  Or call me forward to the newer task;
Give me a burning heart, with love aflame,
  Which sees Thee everywhere, is all I ask.

No pillar-cloud I seek to mark my way
  Through all the windings of the trackless years;
Thou are my Guide, by night as well as day,
  To choose my path, and hush my foolish fears.

I do not look for fiery cloven tongues,
  To tell for me the pentecostal hour;
The Father's promise for all time belongs
  To him who seeks the Spirit's quickening power.

I do not ask for voices from the sky;
  The thunder-peal I might not understand;
But let me hear Thy whisper, It is I!
  Fear not the darkness, child, but take My hand!

What can I ask but Thine own Self, dear Lord?
  Omniscience and omnipotence are Thine.
Let but my will with Thy sweet will accord,
  And all Thou hast, and all Thou art is mine!

—Dr. Henry Burton

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THE SEARCH FOR CONSOLATION

Many hearts are broken in these days by news from the battle fronts. It is good to find one of the most widely circulated secular magazines pointing to the only source of true and lasting consolation. An editorial in Collier's (May 29), which bears the title, "I Am the Resurrection," recommends the Bible, and especially 1 Corinthians 15. "For a good deal more than eighteen centuries," says the writer, "the Bible, particularly some of the sublime New Testament passages, has had power to comfort and console myriads of people in the griefs that commonly assail mankind. Evidently it still has that power, if its current huge sales are any indication." Referring to Paul's great chapter on the Resurrection, the writer mildly concludes that anyone who is grief stricken "might be wise to make the Bible his or her first stop in the search for consolation." Better still, the first and last stop, for this is the written Word of the living Lord, who alone can say, "I am the resurrection, and the life."

—S. S. Times

MY DESIRE OF CHEERING SOULS

If I could help some troubled soul,
Who struggles o'er life's way;
If I could say just one word,
I'd cheer one soul each day.

That's the kind of life I'd live,
I'd go from home to home;
And comfort all the brokenhearted,
Of those who are sad and lone.

All this I cannot do you know,
But I'd like to tell you how
Your heart-wounds can be mended,
Because of loved ones you've lost.

God works in many, many ways,
And never makes a blunder;
But sometimes when our loved ones go,
We're left in perfect wonder.

I know our hearts are broken,
We're bowed in grief and woe;
But it is for ourselves we weep,
When our loved ones have to go.

Our Saviour never leaves us,
For His promises are true;
Cast your burdens all on Him,
For He will take you through.

Mrs. Sallie Fornes,
Vanceboro, N. C.

EDITORIAL

PHILIP'S PREACHING IN SAMARIA

(Ac. 8: 4-8)

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." This was Philip the deacon who was ordained to serve tables in the Jerusalem church, not Philip the apostle who was one of the twelve disciples. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and possessed with a determination to preach the Word, he was advanced to the rank of an evangelist. Having used the office of a deacon well, he purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith. (See I Tim. 3: 13, as scripture reference.) Is it not true today that ministers of the gospel are to preach Christ and him crucified? All religious leaders and teachers should proclaim the Word with boldness. Now, the place of Philip's preaching was in the city of Samaria, though the Jews "had no dealing with the Samaritans." The doctrine which he preached with great power and boldness unto these people was Christ the Savior of men. He was filled with a burning zeal for lost souls, and he went forth proclaiming the Word of God with power and great boldness.

His Works of Healing

"The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did." These Samaritans, with one accord, not just a few, but many believed his testimony of the great power of Christ. In addition to his proclaiming the Word with power, he performed acts of healing in the name of Christ by driving out unclean spirits, healing the lame, the blind, the palsied, and those possessed with all manner of evil spirits. As a result great interest was shown by the people of Samaria in all that Philip spoke and performed among them, and many embraced the gospel of Christ. The evil spirits were thrust out by the supreme power of Christ through Philip's great work in the name of Christianity. The expression, "Crying with loud voice," signifies the rebelliousness of sin and Satan in the hearts of sinners to be separated from them at the command of God. In other words, it represents the extreme difficulty which some people have in parting with evil tendencies and corrupt habits to accept the Christian way of living. But the grace of God as is found in the Gospel of Christ is designed for the divine healing of all who are spiritually lame, blind, paralytic, and cannot help themselves, (See Romans 5: 5, 6), and who will heed the Master's call. It is his divine will for all to be healed through his shed blood on Calvary. There are multitudes of condemned souls today who need this gospel healing applied to their hearts. The trouble is they reject the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Great Joy Manifested

"There was great joy in that city." Such wonderful works as Philip performed in the name of Jesus brought conviction upon the city, and many professed faith in Christ and were baptized. The preaching of the gospel, in all of its purity and power, to any people is a just matter for rejoicing in any city or country. Both men and women rejoiced to behold such power of God manifested in their city through the masterful preaching and miraculous healing of this great evangelist. The Psalmist has said, "O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy" (Ps. 67: 4). Remember, Jonah of old stirred up the people of Nineveh by his great preaching and caused many to turn unto God for mercy, (Jonah 3: 1-10). Many of these Samaritans became true worshippers of the Christian faith in deed and in truth. Their hearts were filled with joy, and they were ready to tell the glad tidings to others. The Gospel is glad tidings of great joy to all people who will believe it, and accept the teachings of Christ (Luke 2: 10). More people today should get greater joy from their worship of the Lord than they really do. In fact, there are too many people who fail to enter into religious worship wholeheartedly to sense deep joy in religious services.

ON GIVING UP

If a person gives up too easily, as the saying goes, others may regard the trait as a weakness or a convenience, according to the effect his attitude may have upon their own related affairs. If it can be said of another that he never gives up, the estimate signifies that such a one is regarded either as excessively obstinate or as courageous and of great endurance, according to the point of view. Mortals, however, on occasion are apt to give up too easily or too reluctantly. The trait of tenacity may be a valuable one, but as with all human characteristics, it needs to be properly controlled. One needs to know what and when to give up, and what to hold to through whatever difficulties may arise.

—Clipped.

THE BEAUTY OF HUMILITY

"He heareth the supplications of the penitent unto their prayers." The beauty of humility is revealed in the penitent. Nothing so unites humanity as the grace of humility evidenced in true Christian worship which permits no snobbishness. By His obedience Christ broke down the barriers between God and man and introduced a fraternal spirit for a divided humanity. The Word assures us that He not only hears our prayers but as our Advocate He also pleads the case of the penitent. Truly the Church is a blessing to every community for here all classes may join hand and heart in the beauty of humility to worship the Lord.

—Selected.

Free Will Baptists and the Spread of the Gospel

By Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman
General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

(This article is a report of the work being done by Free Will Baptists in Cuba and given as a result of a survey of the field by the author under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions.)

Some years ago the Rev. John Doe of Any Free Will Baptist Church, Anywhere, U. S. A., was receiving a number of people into the fellowship of his church. In concluding the reading of the Church Covenant, this was among the things read: "That we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability . . . to the general spread of the Gospel." But that part of the covenant was meaningless, for Free Will Baptists had no part "in the general spread of the Gospel." But this is true no longer, for we are now, assuming some responsibility toward that part of our Church Covenant that carries the missionary obligation. It is recognized that the Church is carrying the Gospel to other regions but this article is intended to give a survey of the work in one particular field—the Republic of Cuba.

A Typical Country Cuban Family

The Baptized Members of San Juan Church

The island of Cuba lies south of the United States and only ninety minutes from us by air travel. Here lies this beautiful tropical land with its 4,200,000 people—a marvelous opportunity at our "front door." Cuba was discovered by Columbus in 1492 and colonized by a son of his, in 1511. The people are Spanish and speak the language. Like all Latin American countries, its religious background is Roman Catholic. Its government, like the United States is a Republic, patterned very much after our own. The country is divided into five (5) provinces, comparable to our divisions as states. Each province has its capital town, governor and provincial law-making body.

Two years ago, the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, sent the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey to Cuba, as the representatives of the Church "in the general spread of the Gospel." For about a year, they worked with the "Cuba Evangelization Association" of Jaruco, Havana Province, under the direction of the Rev. Hugh Paine. This time was spent in learning the language and customs of the people.

It is into the most westernly province, Pinar del Rio, that our representatives have gone. This province is approximately 130 miles long and 50 miles wide. A province in which the least is being done in the spreading of the Gospel as preached by the protestant Church. It is estimated that one-half of the people have never heard the gospel. Headquarters of the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Willey, are in the provincial capital, Pinar del Rio, bearing the same name as the province. From the mission station in this town the work of the "general spreading of the gospel" is directed. Working with the missionaries are 5 native preachers and one Bible woman. These pastors are, for the most part, graduates of Los Pinos, a very sound and spiritual faith school, located in the central part of the island. I can commend their faithfulness to the Word and their loyalty to our work without hesitation.

With these facts in mind, let us go with the missionaries on a tour of the field in which they have sought to "spread the gospel." Leaving the town of Pinar del Rio, we head northeast toward Cuba's beautiful valley of Vinales. This valley, truly the

beauty spot of all Cuba, lies between the mountain ranges one must cross to reach the gulf coast. Having reached the summit of the mountain peaks, we look down on this valley approximately six miles long, with a population of about 3,000 people. Nestled here in the midst of the valley is the town of Vinales with a population of 800 to 1,000 people. In all of this area, in our program with "the general spread of the Gospel," we are the **only** Christian witness. On the main street of the town, we arrive at the mission station where our native pastor, Pedro Olivia and wife live. This mission station is rented out of the promotional fund allowed by the Foreign Mission Board, and provides not only the living quarters for the pastor and wife, but the chapel for the preaching services.

Preaching Convention at Esmeraldes, near Sabalo. Note Chapel of Native Materials

This mission in Vinales was opened April 28, 1942, and for six months faithful witnessing to the living Christ was made before the first results were seen. On December 20, 1942, the first person was converted, a very fine young man. Since, there has been a constant out-pouring of the Spirit upon this work. There are about a score of staunch Christians here and will be organized into a Church, probably in June. (All converts are required to serve a probationary period of six months, to establish them in the Christian faith, before being baptized. They must prove their profession by their daily lives.)

A Sunday School with 30 members is held each Sunday afternoon; a meeting for young people on Friday night and preaching services are held each Sunday night. (No morning services are held in Cuba as a rule.) That makes for a rather full schedule for one man, don't you think? But wait a minute—let's see if Pastor Olivia and wife serve elsewhere? Mounting their horse, they ride away into the valley where they have three (3) preaching places. Each Sunday at 12:00, noon, Pastor Olivia preaches to a congregation while his wife, Cila, conducts a Sunday School for the children. There is another preaching place on Saturday nights, twice a month. Still another preaching place on the other two Saturday nights. Then for full measure, at Olja de Luna, Pastor Olivia preaches each Friday night. In this valley, there are many more places that could be reached with the gospel—but one pastor and his wife can't reach them all.

While in Cuba, I spent a Saturday night and Sunday in a preaching mission at Vinales. The building was full on Saturday night with a great manifestation of the Spirit's power. Sunday morning, we began the day at 8:30 with services. All day long the people poured into the services from the town and surrounding countryside. The day was spent in constant services—preaching the gospel to hungry hearts—some of whom had walked in wenty (20) miles to hear the Word. It was not without avail! Many came to know Him, whom to know is life eternal. It is a soul-thrilling sight to see these very unemotional people sit and literally "drink in" the gospel as it is preached, and then when the glorious truth has dawned upon their souls, to see one stand up—perhaps in the midst of the sermon—and with uplifted hand say: "Si, si, Senior." (Yes, yes, my Lord.) With him, it is a clear-cut decision for Christ, a turning from a religious background that knows nothing of the saving, redeeming power of the blood. Oftentimes, with no religious background at all. Hearing the "good news" of salvation for the first time.

But let us move on! Lying north-east of Vinales is the town of La Palma, with a population of 1,500 people, with no Christian witness, except as our Bible woman, Mrs. Maximina Sanchez, can have opportunity to speak, testify, give out gospel tracts and do personal work. Mrs. Sanchez is a widow, a mother of four children, devoting her full time in an effort to get the gospel to her people in an area of fifteen miles—and that without a horse! How does she do it? Rides a horse, when she can borrow one—and then walking is still a mode of locomotion. Aside from La Palma, there is Jagua, The Mines,

Rev. and Mrs. Willey, Rev. Henry Melvin and Group of Young People who are offering themselves for full-time Christian service.

Jagua Vija, and Orya Orange that is being reached with a preaching point at each place. A mission station is badly needed in this section, a horse for Mrs. Sanchez, and benches for the preaching points. With a deep passion for her people, Mrs. Sanchez carries on the best she can until we who believe "in the general spread of the Gospel" make other arrangements possible.

Still on we go! To San Andres. Pastor Santiago Delgado has charge of this work which is north-west of La Palma. Here at San Andres,

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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REV. L. R. ENNIS, *Executive Secretary,*
709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, N. C.

OUR MISSIONARY OUTLOOK GREATLY ENCOURAGING

We are glad to relate to you some very interesting and recent developments. Miss Barnard has just been given assurance from the Department of State that they are now ready to grant her facilities for travel to India. This is glad news for Miss Barnard, and for the rest of us as well. We both feel very anxious for her as she shall set sail during this time of world conflagration; and at the same time we know her heart is in India, and the Lord has a great work there for her to do. He who has opened the door for her return to that great work will take special care of her as she goes. Let us be confident of that. She is now making preparations for the journey. Of course, it will take weeks for her to get all things ready to go. Keep her on your prayer list, as she will be overloaded with many things during these summer months while she continues to make her preparation.

Brother and Sister Willey are now in the States. Having come over on the plane the 11th of this month (June). They will take a two months' rest which they so much need, and in the mean time expect to attend the National Association in Nashville. While they are over here, Miss Yeley has gone over to Cuba to hold the work in order. Miss Yeley went over by plane the 12th. We will be very happy to have Bro. and Sister Willey attend the National Meeting. Wednesday evening of National Association week will be missionary evening. Bro. Willey and Sister Barnard are both placed on the program for that evening. We will probably not let Sister Willey get by without saying something also. The report of the National Foreign Mission Board will be read during this evening service. We want you to hear it without fail. Make your preparations, to be sure, and attend this service.

The financial report for this month is going to be better than any month of this associational year. It is gratifying indeed the way funds are coming in. But dear people we are going to have to have a lot of funds if we keep up with the Lord in this great missionary revival in our ranks. I am making a special appeal to you here and now that you please strive to increase your giving for this worthy cause. Perhaps you have never given anything for foreign missions. Won't you please enlist as a voluntary giver each week or month so as to help us send the gospel to those in the regions beyond? It is going to take a considerable amount to get Sister Barnard to India, and then we want to be able to give her that with which to do after she gets there. Then too our work in Cuba is moving so rapidly that we are going to be compelled to spend more money there. Really we have something before us in this great department of our church, but we can do it if we will. I have all confidence we will, but let's not slow up the progress of the program of God by our hesitating.

We have a missionary pamphlet just off the press entitled, "Information and Inspirational Facts about Free Will Baptist Missions." We want you to have one. They are free to you for the asking. This pamphlet will aid you greatly by enabling you to have a clearer insight into our missionary program. This is your work and we want you to know about it. I am sure the more you know of it the more interested you will be in it. We expect to have a lot of them with us at the National Meeting.

We are hearing favorable reports as to the work of our various state secretaries. We are indeed glad for this. We urge that our state secretaries please let yourself be known through the columns of our papers. Let the people know to whom they are to send their money. When you receive a contribution send them a prompt receipt. All these things help create interest among our people. They also do a great deal of good in establishing confidence.

We hope to see you at the National Association, and we are looking forward to the greatest foreign mission report that has been given in F. W. B. ranks for many years.

Just keep your funds coming, and above all keep praying.

Your servant for Christ's sake,
Winford Davis

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention to be held with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday and Monday, July 11-12, 1943.

Sunday Night
July 11, 1943

7:45—Song and Prayer Service, Rev. J. R. Davidson
8:15—Seeking, Teaching, Saving, Professor William Henry Oliver

Monday Morning
July 12, 1943

9:00—Devotional — Seeking, Rev. Robert Crawford
9:20—Convention in Session
—Appointment of Special Committees
—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Welcome to the Cumberland Association, Rev. J. E. Hudgens
9:40—Response to Welcome Address, Miss Annie C. Zorn
9:50—General Officer's Reports:
—President, Mr. W. E. Coville
—Vice-President, Rev. Chester Pelt
—Secretary, Mrs. Chester Pelt
—Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Sasser

—Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Williams
—Director of Organization and Education, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson
—Director of Records and Reports, Rev. Robert Crawford
—Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis
—Director of Publicity, Rev. J. B. Rollins

10:40—Special Vocal Rendition
10:45—Teaching, Rev. C. F. Bowen
11:00—Report of Credentials Committee
11:15—Election of Officers
11:30—Suggestion by pastors as to how the Convention may become a more successful agency for seeking, teaching and saving. Rev. M. E. Tyson will preside over the forum.
Noon—Refreshments

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional — Saving, Miss Trula Gunter
1:45—President's Message
1:55—Business Session:
Reading of minutes of morning session, Enrollment of ministers and delegates, report of Business Resolutions Committee, Plans for new year—The Three Year Program—The Standard of Efficiency—Sunday school record supplies, quarterlies and text books—Finances—State and district conventions — Committee reports — Other items of business.
4:30—Final adjournment

Note: Rev. J. R. Davidson will arrange and direct the musical program throughout the session.

"THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT"

By Rev. Rufus Hyman

"And the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation **wiser** than the children of light" (Lu. 16: 8).

When Jesus wanted to teach us a lesson in true wisdom, He selected the unjust steward's life to do so. The steward in the context had wasted his lord's money. A steward in the New Testament is simply this: He is a person entrusted with the affairs of another. He is, therefore, an overseer.

The lord of the steward, who is a type of God, heard of his steward wasting his money. "I'll put him out of the stewardship, and give it to another person," says he. The steward is called in to give an account of his stewardship. But before the "account" could be settled, the unjust steward began to think. He thought of the future, which looked very gloomy. He could see himself on the level with others. He would be an ordinary laborer, digging for his daily bread. He said, "I am not able to dig; to beg I am ashamed." Many among us today, if they should begin to think, would change their evil course in life.

"Here is what I shall do," said the steward. "When I'm put out of my stewardship, I will have favoured them so they will receive me into their houses." He is speaking of his lord's debtors, and he calls them in his office. And to the first debtor he says, "How much owest thou?" "One hundred measures of oil," answered he. "Take your bill and write fifty measures," replied the steward. And to the second debtor he said, "How much owest thou to my Lord?" He said "One hundred measures of wheat." To him the steward said, "Take your bill and write eighty measures instead of one hundred."

When the lord of the unjust steward learns this, we are surprised at his decision, for the unjust steward has done wisely, so he says. Listen! Jesus tells us that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." What a shame! What an accusation of the church!

Let us take the movies, for an example. They keep their pictures interesting, and give that which will appeal to the base passions. They have modernized the movie industry until it is in step with this twentieth century movement. Should they go back to the methods and customs of twenty-five years ago, they would cease to exist, we believe. But now they operate on a seven-day per week plan, while most churches open their doors once a week, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Many rural churches have preaching services only once a month, just like they did twenty-five years ago.

Take the ball games today, for an example. See how the game has won the masses. They have trained the youth in the various games for sport, and commercial purposes. Years ago they took week-days for their games, but now Sunday is their greatest day. The leaders have advertised the game until it is just a part of our every-day life. But did the ball game grow up over night? No, it took leaders who have studied and planned for years. The worldly leaders know how to get the money to run their business. To them money is no backset. The people gladly furnish the money, and support the worldly amusements. Why? Because they want to do so.

Take again the automobile. Look how the factories have "streamlined" their cars, and they continue to push ahead. The modern car does not resemble earlier models. The auto has advanced with the great industrial age, and speed and travel conveniences are greater today than they were twenty years ago.

Many of our readers are farmers, and you know the great advancement that has been made in the making of farm implements. No farmer who is a successful farmer today farms as did his grandfather. Modern methods have taken the day.

Now, let us consider the children of light, and their efforts to evangelize the world. After 1900 years the church has failed to evangelize the nations on the earth. There are more heathens today than there were when Paul made his first missionary tour. In fact, there are more people in the world, and only about one third of them have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That leaves the other two thirds of the races without an opportunity of salvation. The last words of Jesus to His followers were, "Go ye into all the world." But many

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preaching services are held each Saturday night and there are eighteen believers awaiting baptism and the organization of a church. Close by is Ensavada with fifteen believers awaiting baptism. Preaching services on each Thursday and Sunday nights. A chapel of native materials is being built by this group. There is a Sunday School of twenty members. Then on the horse goes Pastor Delgado again—this time to Caiguanaba, where fourteen believers are being prepared for baptism. This village is "way back" in the hills among a very needy people—needy in every manner—but in need of the gospel most of all. Pastor Delgado then goes on to Seja del Rio, where a new preaching point has just been established—there are five believers here—with preaching every 15th day. Seja del Rio is located in a very inaccessible place, with needs more acute, if possible, than at Caiguanaba. Still on to El Citio to a preaching point that has just been established. In all, Pastor Delgado covers a radius of fifteen miles.

The Attendance at Organization of Association of Free Will Baptists of Pinar Del Rio—Held at San Luis.

Let us visit now with Pastor Pedro Rojo at Pto Esperanza, a beautiful fishing village on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Pastor Rojo lives at the mission station, provided by the promotional fund, with his mother. Like all the other places mentioned so far, we are the only Christian witness in the town. Services are held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Sunday School with twenty members is conducted. There are some ten or twelve believers here, among the number is the superintendent of the Public Schools. He is a Christian of many years, having been converted before moving to Pto Esperanza and for a long time was the only Christian in the town. Upon the beginning of our work there, he immediately began working with our missionaries and native pastor and has rendered invaluable aid. Incidentally, this gentleman is the father of twenty-two children. I preached in Pto Esperanza to a crowded, "packed and jammed" house full of hungry hearts. Many of them hearing the gospel for the first time. I shall not soon forget those dark brown eyes as they turned to me in question—with the look of spiritual hunger so evident. Among the number, a Chinese who has lived here many years and whose children attend the mission Sunday School. Once a week, Pastor Rojo rides to San Pedro for services where there are six believers, and then on to four other preaching points, all in the radius of five miles. In between times, he visits from house to house, preaching to groups as they will stop to listen—which they will always eagerly do—and then to "fill out" the time, he does personal work.

To complete the tour of our work, we retrace our steps back through Vinales, on through Pinar del Rio, and on to San Juan and Martinez. Here Pastor Luis Diaz greets us. This section is in the heart of a large tobacco growing area, controlled for the most part by an American corporation, through its subsidiary company in Cuba. The section of San Juan that lies on the highway is being served by another denomination, but here on the railroad, we maintain the only Christian witness. The nucleus of this work came as a result of an individual preacher, working independently, who for lack of funds had to return to the States. This group of believers continued meeting for Bible reading and prayer—maintaining their Christian testimony without "back-sliding." (What an example for Christians in the States!)

Our missionaries heard of this group and sent Pastor Dias to locate them. He found them in the morning as they were completing an all-night prayer meeting, in which they were asking God for a pastor. Into this assemblage walked our native pastor! What an answer to prayer! With this group of believers, Pastor Dias began working and there is now an organized church with twenty-four baptized believers, meeting in the living room of one of the members. There are fifteen more awaiting baptism. There is a Sunday School of thirty members. Let us ride with Luis as he goes over to Martinez. This group was organized on February 13, 1943, in which organization, I had the privilege to assist. This group lives on a large privately owned tobacco plantation and at the time I was there, were not permitted to held services in the houses, furnished them as homes. However, this earnest group of believers were not to be stopped in their worship by a "bit" of persecution—they simply took the benches provided by the Board of Missions and moved out into the open road and held their services; worshipping God according to the "dictates of their conscience" and as

Group of San Andres Believers

they had been taught by the Free Will Baptist missionaries. Does that thrill your heart? It does, I am sure, if you have had any part in the "general spread of the Gospel." Since I was there, the news has come, that as a result of prevailing prayer the persecution has been lifted, and they are allowed to hold their services unmolested by the plantation owner.

Group Recently Baptized at Reo Seco

But let us go on to Reo Seco. Here in the afternoon of February 12, 1943, our missionary, Rev. Mr. Willey baptized another group of believers, among the number, two men over seventy years of age. One of these, a man paralyzed from the waist down, has been a believer for twenty years, as a result of someone, now unknown, getting into this old gentleman's possession a copy of the Bible in Spanish. As a result of his personal reading and study, he was converted and has maintained his Christian profession all of these years. When our workers went into this section, it was his first opportunity to be baptized and come into the fellowship of the Church. There are several more here at Reo Seco awaiting baptism. This group has no place of worship, but take the benches and hold services in the open court between the homes of two of the believers. Truly, it was an inspiring scene as we sat that night, with the star studded canopy of heaven for a ceiling and heard the missionary read the Church Covenant, preparatory to the organizing this group of believers into a Church. They have a Sunday School of forty members; preaching each Friday night; classes for probationers on Tuesday nights. Then on to Guainacada, a new preaching point, every Wednesday night—Then Pancho Perez on Monday night—and then on to El Maranon on Thursday night and still on to Galaxie. Pastor Dias covers this area on horseback and here in the midst of this 17,000 acre tract of tobacco plantation, the surface is hardly scratched. On a hill, as we returned from baptizing, Luis said to me (he speaks some English as he pointed up valley after valley: "In these valleys live hundreds of my countrymen that have not yet heard the name of Christ, much less the preaching of the Gospel, but I cannot reach them all." I pass the challenge of that call on to you.

Now across to San Luis, a beautiful town of some 1,000 to 1,500 population. Here at the mission station, we arrived at midnight, after a train ride up from San Juan. But Pastor Julio Zahonet and a group of his people are singing a welcome to the "Americanos." They had learned in English, "America," and in honor of our coming they thus welcomed us. As we moved on into the chapel of the mission station—there correctly hung on either side of the pulpit was the Cuban and American flag. (With both the singing of "America" and the sight of "Old Glory, did

Group of Believers at Alta De Guane

it make me feel good to be an American?) Then on a side wall, Pastor Zahonet had prominently displayed a large sized emblem of the Free Will Baptist League—this emblem was done by a local artist and translated into the Spanish. Those of you who know my love and interest for the youth of our Church will easily imagine how this stirred my soul! Immediately, I pictured an innumerable host of youth—singing, in English, Spanish, Tamil, Chinese, etc, "Onward Christian Leaguers, Marching as to war, With the Cross of Jesus, Going on before." Each in his own tongue—but leaguers of the same Captain—marching under the same banner—the Cross! Doesn't it make you want to have a larger part "in the general spread of the Gospel?" Here is San Luis, there is an organized church with five (5) members but more than forty (40) awaiting baptism; a Sunday School with seventy-two members. Preaching services each Sunday night; Young People's Meetings on Thursday night and week day classes taught to the probationers. Aside from this, Pastor Zahonet preaches on Saturday nights at Para Daro de San Luis, where there are seven believers awaiting baptism. Bible classes on Wednesday nights; Sunday School at 2:00 P. M. on Sundays with thirty-one members. Then on to Barbarcoa on Tuesday nights to preach to a group of nineteen believers that are awaiting baptism. On again to Rio Feo, a newly established preaching point. There are still three more places that could be reached, but Pastor Zahonet has no horse!

It was here in the San Luis church that the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Willey and I organized the Association of Free Will Baptists in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, on February 14, 1943. Truly a milestone for us "in the general spread of the Gospel," as Free Will Baptists. Duly elected delegates from the five organized churches, the native pastors and many visitors from many sections of the field were in attendance. The organization of the Association was perfected by the election of Rev. Mr. Willey as Moderator; pastor Pedro Olivia as assistant moderator; Pastor Blas Serrano as secretary; Rafael Pupo as treasurer. To the three standing officers of the Association was added two other members to compose the Executive Committee, which shall plan direct and promote the interest of the Association. This committee is also charged with the power of examining and ordaining all candidates for the ministry. At the organization session, licenses were issued to the native pastors and the Lord's Supper was administered to the believers. For many of them, it was the first time they had opportunity to "draw nigh His Table." The organization was so perfected that it can adequately conduct the affairs of the native

church as it effects them locally. It is of interest to note, I am sure, that already these groups of believers are thinking in terms of "the general spread of the gospel," as they seek to give of their limited means to "domestic missions;" their term for home missions.

Now, we go for a visit to the oldest organized Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba! Leaving Pinar del Rio, by train, in the early morning and after a four hour ride, we are at Sabalo. Here we mount mules and horse for a four mile ride across the sand hills to the church at Esmeraldes. This church has twenty-six baptized members with twelve awaiting baptism. Sunday School with fifty members; Young People's meeting with forty members. Preaching services are every Saturday night, prayer meeting on Tuesday night. The church at Esmeraldes is housed in a native palm-thatched roofed chapel, which we dedicated on February 16, 1943. Pastor Serrano and wife live in the mission station; preaches at El Valle every Wednesday night, at Naranjo on Friday night and at Mendoz on Sunday night for the members of the Esmeraldes who are employed in the construction of an American airport at San Julian. What an opportunity lies here among our own American people—if—we had the personnel to man the situation?

To summarize the blessings of God upon the work as evidenced by numbers, I offer the following: number of native preachers, 5; number of Bible women, 1; number of organized churches, 5; number of preaching points, aside from the organized churches, 32; number of horses on the field, 8; number of saddles, 7; number of benches furnished at various preaching points, 60; number of baptized believers, 76; number of probationers awaiting baptism, more than 200; number of prospective students for training in Christian service, 15. Area being evangelized approximately 100 miles. Truly, we have much to be thankful for, as we realize these figures represent something of the tangible blessings of God upon the work over a period of only nine months!

What of the future? My firm conviction is, after a personal study of the field and these weeks to think through the facts; that in view of world conditions and peculiar conditions in Cuba, and the evident blessings of God upon the work; that we have in the province of Pinar del Rio, the opportunity to prove to God and the world that as Free Will Baptists, we firmly believe "in the general spread of the gospel." Cuba has a very liberal law of religious liberty and we can thus evangelize without molestation; world conditions prevent us from entering other fields at the present—and Pinar del Rio awaits with hungry hearts—the "living message of the gospel." As I have mentioned previously, very little is being done in this province—so the field awaits us "white already unto harvest."

Not only does the future hold a great "harvesting" opportunity for us—but even now, in the lives of fifteen fine, earnest lives, there is abundant opportunity for the developing and training our own native workers. These young lives are literally laid out upon the altar of service for the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba; they are ours, we have "snatched them as brands from the fire." The "mother" Church in the States has a tremendous obligation in the directing and conserving of these for the Master's use.

What of the **Needs**? Prayer heads the list. Prevailing prayer for our missionaries who direct the work; the native pastors and their wives; for the newly organized churches and Association; for the fifteen young men and women who are offering themselves for "full-time" Christian service.

A native school is sorely needed in which we may train our native workers. This will give momentum and stability to the work as nothing else of a material nature can give.

In His own time, and as needed to man the field, missionaries to assist in the promotion of the work.

All of these resolve into the final one—money. How much? Thousands of dollars could be wisely and profitably spent each year. How much? As much as you and I give in acknowledgement of our stewardship unto God—is the amount it will be, and the amount the Board of Foreign Missions will have to maintain and expand the work.

Now, as the Rev. John Doe, of Any Free Will Baptist Church, Anywhere, U. S. A. receives members into the fellowship of his church and reads the Covenant to his people; they can find ample opportunity as "good stewards of the grace of God" to invest their money—their lives—"in the general spread of the Gospel," in beautiful—but sin-benighted Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

MARIANNA, FLORIDA

Dear Baptist Readers:

May I say to the Baptist readers that I do enjoy reading both the Free Will Baptist paper and the Free Will Baptist Gem. I get them every month and have for several years. I really enjoy all the messages published in them. I like to study God's Word, for I do want to learn everything I can that God wants me to know. May He lead me to do and to be just what He wants me to be.

I study all the Bible readings that are placed in the Sunday School lessons in the Baptist paper. I especially enjoyed reading the article entitled "Where Is the Lord?" The writer mentioned his only son who is now in the Army. We have only one child, a little girl who is only four years old. We are doing our best to raise this little one for the glory of the Lord. We are asking the Christian people to pray to God that He might have his way with us in rearing our little girl. We do not want her to go out in this world of sin.

Everyone has his or her trials and temptations, and all must work hard to shun the Evil One. God has wonderfully blessed us, and this we know, "If God is for us, who can be against us." We are members of a very little church, and we have a Service Roll for the boys who are in the service of our country. We have altar prayer every Sunday morning at 11:30 especially for them.

We want to work, and we want to pray, and to do everything we can in every way for the Master's cause. All you ministers and all the praying people, pray for us that we may stand firm and steadfast. We want to show to the world just where we stand for God and righteousness. We want to be one hundred per cent for Jesus.

Mrs. Lloyd Padgett,

Marianna, Florida

OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

This is the annual report of the Women's Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church for year 1942.

Membership Activities

Members on roll	18
Average attendance	9
Bible chapters read	225
Convalescent cards sent to the sick	3

Financial Statement

Dues collected	$12.50
Money collected by special offering	4.26
Sunday egg money collected	29.47
Apron money paid in	3.22
Flavoring money paid in	18.00
Birthday dues	5.27
Total	$72.72

Cash and Commodities Given to Needy

Cash to the Orphanage	$ 5.00
Value of supplies to Orphanage	22.35
Orphanage Bond	18.75
Paid to our pastor	5.00
Paid for piano service	1.00
Paid to our Field Worker	5.00
Paid T. C. Griffin for painting on church	3.75
Paid for light bills	12.00
Paid for flavoring	13.34
Raised to Home Missions	2.00
Raised for foreign missions	2.00
Total paid out	$90.19

Mrs. Dorcas E. Barrow, President,
Thelma D. Barrow, Secretary

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL AID REPORT

Our Aid society met in its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, June 6, at 4:00 p. m. at the church. Mrs. Rudolph Heath opened the meeting by all present singing hymns, "Calling the Prodigan," and "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men." Mrs. Ivey Rhodes offered prayer. We again sang a hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You," and then repeated the Lord's Prayer together. The meeting was then turned over to our pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, who brought us a fine message on our lesson topic.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The business of the Aid was then attended to by the calling of the roll. The following activities were recorded:

Members present	13
Bible Chapters read	206
Sick visits made	18
Hospital visits	2
Quarts of milk given to needy	31
Dues collected	1.90
Rainy Day money received	1.40

It was agreed to send $4.50 to Mrs. H. C. Barnes for missions. We also appointed committee to buy flowers for sick members of our Aid society. One new member was added to our list.

The business being over, we sang a song, and had the benediction to meet the next time on the First Saturday night in July, when we will again meet at the church for our regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Secretary and Treasurer

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Seventh Week

Gray Branch	$ 42.15
Dailey's Chapel S. S.	10.00
Dailey's Chapel L. A. S.	2.00
Dailey's Chapel Church	21.50
Woodington Church	21.25
Smith's New Home	30.00
Whaley's Chapel	35.00
Fifth Eastern Union	100.00
Friendship Church	87.30
Friendship S. S.	15.00
Pilgrims Home	28.72
Total	$392.92

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A PEOPLE IN DISTRESS

(Lesson for July 4)

Lesson: Exodus 1: 6-14; 2: 23-25.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"They cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage" (Exo. 2: 23).

The Adamantine Wall

Russia has announced, in recent years, that it would destroy God. Russia and other nations have decided, over and over again, that they would destroy the Jews. It is as easy to destroy the Jews as to destroy God—no easier. For God decided, before the foundation of the world, that the Jews should not be destroyed; God has given His Word for this; and God keeps His Word. In a remarkable sermon on the Jews, the Rev. H. O. Van Gilder, has said, "Time after time has the devil massed his forces to exterminate the Jews; time after time have meen pursued them to the verge of dstruction; time after time have bloody hands been reached out to clutch the last remnant; and time after time the pursuit has ended with a crash as their enemies have plunged headlong and blindly against the adamantine wall of the promises of God!" What a blessing to the world that adamantine wall of God is! What a blessing to us, when Satan seeks to destroy us! Are we sharing in the blessing that God has pledged to those who bless the Jews?—The Sunday School Times.

Slaves

There are to-day between five and eight million slaves in the world—in addition to the enslaved multitudes now serving Hitler. In China there are said to be 2,000,000 slave girls. Arabia has 700,000 slaves, where slavery still continues as a legal institution.

The biggest slave driver is Satan. Multiplied millions have his chains on and bow before his lash. Satan and his slaves will end up in the lake of fire.—Christian Victory Magazine.

How God Drives Men Home

Affliction and hard suffering put the Children of Israel on their knees before God. Israel might have settled in Egypt but for the accession of "a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph," and the resulting bitter and hard bondage. The late President Theodore Roosevelt, when a colonel in the U. S. Army, visited the reservation of the Navaho Indians. In conversation with a Christian missionary, the Colonel asked, "Do you not think if we were to provide these Indians with better living conditions—better housing, clothes, and the like—that you could more easily reach them with the Gospel?" The missionary replied, "Suppose, Colonel, that when the prodigal son was in the far country someone had given him a good home, a new suit of clothes, and a bank account: how soon would he have returned to the father's house?" Colonel Roosevelt pondered a moment and then snappily answered, "Never!"—Publisher Unknown.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Even the best of men must die when their work is finished (Exo. 1: 6).

2. New generations easily forget whom God used before their day (vs. 8).

3. The presence of God's people, even though they suffer oppression, brings fear to God's enemies (vs. 9).

4. Satan often inspires human instruments to seek to destroy the people of God by cruelty (vs. 10).

5. The service of the wrong spiritual master is sure to be very hard (vs. 11).

6. No matter how clever a human scheme may be, it will be unable to defeat God's purpose (vs. 12).

7. The longer the devil is served, the harder his service becomes (vss. 13, 14).

8. Some people never learn to pray until they are made to suffer hardships (2: 23).

9. God hears every cry of distress that escapes from the hearts and lips of His suffering children (vs. 24).

10. God cannot break His Covenant. He must deliver His own people when they are in trouble (vss. 24, 25).

11. Read Exodus, Chapters 1 and 2.

12. Study all the lesson material in our quarterlies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

God in History

Many times in history God has revealed His hand in the making and breaking of nations. It is a good thing for God's people to realize that He is still on the throne, and that, though He allows evil to go unrebuked for a while, ultimately His will is done in the judgment of wicked nations and the rewarding of others.

Over three hundred years ago the Spanish Armada sailed from the coast of Spain for the shores of Britain. It consisted of 132 warships, manned by 8,000 sailors and carrying 120,000 soldiers. Its object was to subjugate Britain to the church and Romanize the British nation, and ultimately the whole of Europe. **True Christians prayed earnestly that God might bare His arm and bring to nought the devices of the wicked.** And God answered their prayers.

The skilled admiral of the great Armada died before the fleet had sailed. It encountered two severe storms before it reached the English coast, where it appeared on July 30, 1588, extending seven miles at sea. Disaster followed disaster: artifice and tempest scattered the great fleet, "causing what of it remained to flee to the northern seas, where furious winds dashed the vessels against rocks and cliffs to utter destruction."

"Throughout the British Isles this was recognized as the act of God, and national thanks was given to Him. All Europe was solemnized, and a medal struck to commemorate the event bore the text: "The Lord sent His wind, and scattered them'."

Wicked nations and wicked individuals may have temporary success; they may seem to get by with a lot; but not so; the God who settles accounts will call them to task one of these days. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of ini-

quity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Ps. 37: 1-3).

The Most High still ruleth in the kingdom of men, and "giveth it to whomsoever He will" (Dan. 4: 17).—Christian Victory Magazine.

WESTERN UNION REPORT

The Union meeting of the First District of the Western Association of North Carolina held its regular session with Micro Church, Johnston County, May 29, 1943. Rev. Rommie Mitchell led the devotional exercises. Then the pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford, offered a word of prayer, and then he extended greetings and a hearty welcome to all present.

The moderator declared the meeting open for the transaction of business. The clerk then read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were approved. Brother H. J. Corbett was appointed to serve on the Appropriations Committee in the absence of Rev. R. N. Hinnant. Rev. J. W. Alford spoke on the F. W. B. Educational program, and Rev. James A. Evans brought the eleven o'clock message. The union then called off for dinner.

After the lunch hour the union was called together by the congregation singing a hymn, and the devotional services were led by Brother Willie Renfrow. Prayer was offered by Brother James A. Evans. The list of churches was then called, and represented by their delegates. The union then appointed the officers for another year. Rev. W. R. Williams was re-elected to serve as moderator for another year. W. F. Pittman also was re-elected as secretary and treasurer. Rev. E. G. Holland and Willie Renfrow were appointed to serve as the Program Committee. The treasurer then made his report which is as follows:

Financial Statement

On hand from last meeting	$32.01
Received today	67.60
Offering for the Orphanage	13.63
Total	$113.24

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$ 38.23
To disabled ministers	20.00
For Christian education	15.00
Union meeting expenses	12.00
Bank charges	.29
Total paid out	$ 85.52
Balance in the treasury	$ 27.72

The report was received. Brother James A. Evans gave a good report of the work at the Orphanage at this union meeting. There was a vote of thanks extended to the church and community for the splendid hospitality shown this union. The next session will be held with the church at Holly Springs, Johnston County, North Carolina. The union closed with prayer until the next time in course.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary and Treasurer

ROCK DALE UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Rock Dale Original Free Will Baptist Association met with Rock Dale Chapel on May 29, 1943. The union was opened by the congregation singing a hymn. Prayer was offered by J. B. Brown. The Reverend C. F. Dimery preached the Introductory sermon. His text was taken from First Timothy 4: 7. Rev. J. H. Perdue concluded the services, and Rev. H. S. Clark, the moderator took charge of the union meeting.

The committees were appointed as follows: Devotional Committee, Peter Clark, Perry Purvis and Eli Waters; Sabbath School, Mrs. J. B. Cook, Dorothy Clark and Elizabeth Frith; Finance Committee, Rev. C. F. Dimery, Henry Purvis and J. H. Purdue. It was moved and carried to call off the session for dinner.

At 1:00 p. m. the union re-assembled for business. It was opened by the congregation singing a hymn, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Perdue, and the scripture lesson was taken from Psalms 61 by the moderator, Rev. H. S. Clark. By motion it was agreed to grant Brother Arvin Poole, Henry Brown, honorable seats with us in the union. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the ministers was heard and the following were in good standing: Reverends H. S. Clark, J. B. Brown, Henry Purvis, J. B. Cook and J. H. Purdue. Retired ministers in good standing are C. F. Dimery and J. S. Sessoms. Rev. T. S. Sweat and W. T. White stand as they are.

Churches Reported

Rock Dale Chapel represented by delegates	$ 5.00
Mount Beulah, represented by delegates	2.00
Bethlehem represented by delegates	1.50
Oak Grove represented by delegates	1.50
Total	$10.00
Amount already in treasury	$19.10
Grand Total	$29.10

Disbursements

Paid to clerk	$1.50
Paid Rev. R. L. Clark, (editor and treasurer)	2.00
Paid Rev. H. S .Clark, Moderator	1.50
Loaned Rev. C. F. Dimery	2.00
Total paid out	$7.00
Balance in the treasury	$22.10

Submitted by

C. F. Dimery,
Henry Purvis,
J. H. Purdue,
Finance Committee

Rev. C. F. Dimery was appointed to preach Sunday at eleven o'clock, and Rev. J. B. Brown to preach the Introductory sermon on Saturday at the next union which will come on August 28, 1943, at Mount Beulah Church, and Rev. H. S. Clark as alternate. A motion was carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to the good people of this church and community for their kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The union adjourned to meet with Mount Beulah Church on Saturday, August 28, 1943.

Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator,
Alex Brown, Clerk

"THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT"

(Continued from page 7)

Christians seem to think that it does not matter whether we do or not. What a tragedy! Jesus died and lives again that every son and daughter of Adam's race might have a right to the "Tree of Life." Shall we give unto lost humanity what Jesus died for?

Some church members seem to think that going to church and paying in as they feel like it is all that is to be done. The writer knew a man once who paid his pastor to do his praying. Another brother, when a progressive step was about to be made, would kill it by saying, "Brethren, the old-time religion is good enough for me." But, remember, old-time religion does not cause Christians to sit on the stool of "do nothing." In the early church, it caused the saints to go from house to house, and preach Jesus. It caused the ministers and the apostles to give up a profitable work to evangelize a lost world, and the ordinary disciples sold all they had to carry on the great work.

Why are the children of light not as wise as the children of darkness? In First Corinthians 1: 26, 27, we read, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise." And also in First Corinthians 2: 8, we read, "None of the princes of this world: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

The Lord chooses only a few that are wise, the others are the simple ones. The wise know better how to resist the call of salvation. The simple minded are more easily to accept Christ, or at least some think that. But after becoming a Christian, it does not seem that we would be so foolish, for we have the Holy Spirit to lead us.

The ministry is largely to blame for the church being so backward today. Let us see why. "Like priest, like people." Some pastors and ministers know what the church needs spiritually, mentally and financially. But let us begin to preach as we should, and by the time for the next pastor-calling, a new pastor will take our place. Such has been the case in many instances. The thing needed to make the church fill its place in the divine work is a spirit filled and trained ministry. Every preacher should present the same truths to their congregation. May God bless the movement in North Carolina to unify our ministers.

To bring a spiritual change that should come, we must have the financial support of the entire church, as well as every member a soul winner. It costs money to have a pastor, or evangelist, or to send out workers in both the home and foreign fields, etc. "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail; they may receive you into everlasting habitations" (Lu. 16: 9). The "unrighteous mammon" is used to describe the current coin of this world. How many friends have we won with our money? Will they rise up here at home, and in the heathen lands and call us blessed? Reader, when we meet God in the Judgment of Rewards, how glad it will make you and me to see some soul there whom we have won to Christ. Therefore, let us remember that the church exists for one purpose: That is to make Jesus known to a lost world. It is our duty to stand by the church, and to take the Gospel to the lost, and thereby fulfill the command of our Lord and Master.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Field Secretary State Association of North Carolina

Receipts from Churches

It is with much gratitude that I make the following report as to receipts in the work of my office. There has been a plenty to do in the field, much more than I could begin to do, and preach for five churches, and do some evangelistic work, as per call. No person can do his best for any one thing, when he is serving several different things—Field Secretary, pastor, evangelist, working a "Victory garden", preaching, or conducting funerals, helping in "Vacation Bible schools", visiting the sick, with many other little things, belonging to pastoral work, writing Notes and Quotes, all of which makes about three or four jobs struck at by one man.

I have visited the following churches since the annual meeting of the State Association and the following receipts have been recorded:

Friendship (Jones County)	$ 15.00
Macedonia	11.64
Core Creek	11.65
Arapahoe Church	7.25
Re-Union Chapel	10.25
Sandy Plain	20.00
Cabin Church	15.00
Beulaville Church	10.00
Piney Grove (Duplin Co.)	11.00
Holly Spring, (Carteret)	5.00
Dublin Grove	11.00
Shiloh	15.00
St. Paul's (Elizabeth City)	15.44
St. Mary's (New Bern)	20.00
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	17.11
Friends and official staff, F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex	11.25
Black Jack	10.05
Union Chapel (Beaufort Co.)	12.00
Antioch (Craven Co.)	10.51
Oak Grove League (Craven County)	10.00
Oak Grove Church, (Craven County)	6.50
Mosley's Creek	10.05
Ayden Church	15.00
Reedy Branch	7.00
Daly's Chapel	10.00
Rain's Cross Roads	15.00
Smithfield church	6.30
Rock Spring	5.00
Hull Road church	12.26
Winterville church	3.00
Total for distribution	$339.26

Donated to Field Secretary to be applied on Equipment for Projecting pictures:

Rev. C. H. Denton	$ 1.00
Rev. J. A. Evans	27.45
Lloyd Moore	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Oglesby	1.00
Rev. R. C. Kennedy	10.00
Mrs. Mark Register	1.00
"Dock" Worthington	5.00
Mrs. Cora Smith	5.00

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[illegible]is Church	25.00
[illegible]tal for equipment	$ 82.45
	339.26
Grand Total	$421.81

Receipts for Field Secretary's work, when not otherwise designated by the donor, are apportioned as follows, 25 per cent for the Middlesex orphanage, 25 per cent for the National Unified Program and 50 per cent is retained in the State treasury for promotional purposes.

The church at Davis is supporting every part of the program as designated by the National and State Association, therefore, they designated that their donation, which was voted from the treasury by the church, be applied to the equipment used by the Field Secretary, with the privilege to except traveling expenses.

As a whole the people with whom I have worked during our field travel has been grand. Our folk appreciate the opportunity to see the pictures of the Bible school, the Orphanage, the Press and all other pictures that I have shown. We are sorry that we have had to postpone or delay several invitations, owing to the fact that we have been so busy with our other work.

Bridgeton Vacation Bible School

Bridgeton had its first Vacation Bible school, June 2-13, which was a grand success, according to our observation. The teachers were all local residents, with only one person ever teaching in a school of like nature, but they took hold of the work and did wonderfully well. There was an average of 51 throughout the school. The Commencement was held on Sunday the thirtieth with a full house to witness the exercise.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, the guest minister, who was preaching each evening, helped out in the Bible School. The intermediate boys fell in love with "Bob" from the very beginning and he helped them in their mechanical work which work did extremely well. Also "Bob" brought some deep and instructive messages each evening. We were all sorry that he could not stay until the close of the meeting, as he had to bring his last message on Friday evening. The writer carried the meeting on through Sunday, closing Sunday night. There were eight baptized Sunday afternoon, and about twenty-five went to the altar for consecration during the meeting. If you want a real sound, clean, orthodox preacher, you can find him in the person of Rev. R. C. Wiggs.

Hatred Toward False Ways

When we look around us and see so much that is false, and when we hear so many false sounds, crying, "Lo here, and Lo there," we become sick and disgusted with pretense and the various "cults" with which we are surrounded, together with the hypocrits in what is called orthodox, fundamentalist churches. The Devil and his false prophets are on the firing line with all their machinery in these "last days" endeavoring to "deceive the very elect, if possible."

Our mind is carried to the words of the Psalmist in that he said, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy Law. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY, therefore, I cannot hold my peace, and compromise with false religions, that are doing more to damn the human family than, perhaps, any weapon that the Devil has at his command in these "last days."

THE NEED OF SALVATION AT THE JUDGMENT

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3: 10).

As we do not know when the Lord shall return, the hope that will carry one's soul through to the judgment day, and give peace to the owner in eternity is one's salvation. It is the only thing which is safe to live by, for as a rule the religion one lives by is what they generally die by. As they die, so will they be judged at the great judgment day.

The person who accepts a theory that is not ordained of God will not be accepted at the judgment bar. Such a person will be cheated out of eternal life because he followed the wrong course in life, and accepted the teachings of the false teacher.

The Apostle Paul teaches us to surrender to the will of God in Christ Jesus, and to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand in that great day. If anyone has made a start through any mode other than the blood of Christ being applied to the cleansing of his soul, had better humble himself, and ask Christ to come into his heart and cleanse him from all unrighteousness. He must let Christ give him a new heart and a new life.

Surely some people get mistaken about the New Birth. Paul tells us that he was mistaken before he met Christ Jesus on the Damascus road. People cannot walk the straight and narrow way unless they have had the blood of Christ applied to their souls. Let us all try our faith and see if it is after the pattern of Jesus Christ.

Galen Lemaster

RADIO FRIENDS

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We get great joy in spreading the Gospel through our "Joy Club" which is led by Mrs. Beams. It is impossible to reach everyone in person, but through the radio many souls have been saved.

We appreciate your nice letters and cards sent to us, and we would like for everyone to pray for us that we may have the opportunity to continue our programs.

We are seeking lost souls today, and listeners, hear us, for Jesus is the only way to the eternal life. We are heard each Sunday afternoon at three o'clock over W. F. T. C. Please tune in and hear us.

Mrs. Ruth Kennedy

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Sunday, June 27, South River, Carteret County.

Monday, June 28, Russell's Creek, Carteret County.

Tuesday, June 29, Beaufort, Carteret County.

Wednesday, June 30, Brice's Creek, Craven County.

Thursday, July 1, New Haven, Craven County.

Friday, July 2, St. Mary's, Craven County.

Saturday, July 3, Bridgeton, Craven County.

Sunday, July 4, Antioch, Craven County.

Monday, July 5, Spring Hope, Craven County.

Tuesday, July 6, Sts. Delight, Craven County.

Wednesday, July 7, Ruth's Chapel, Craven County.

Thursday, July 8, Macedo[illegible] County.

Friday, July 9, Juniper Chapel, Craven County.

Saturday, July 10, Oak Grove, Craven County.

Sunday, July 11, Lan[illegible] County.

Monday, July 12, Reunion Chapel, Craven County.

Tuesday, July 13, Palmetto Chapel, Craven County.

Wednesday, July 14, Rock of Zion, Craven County.

Thursday, July 15, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.

Friday, July 16, Arapahoe, Pamlico County.

Saturday, July 17, Oriental, Pamlico County.

Sunday, July 18, Bethel, Pamlico County.

Monday, July 19, Trent, Pamlico County.

Tuesday, July 20, Mt. Zion, Pamlico County.

Wednesday, July 21, Warden's Grove, Pamlico County.

Thursday, July 22, Mt. Olive, Beaufort County.

Friday, July 23, Dublin Grove, Beaufort County.

PEACE

By Grace K. Jackson

"What need have we for peace and rest?"
The little children cry;
And yet, the time they love the best
Is the twilight hour, when sitting by
The firelight's glaw, in Mother's arms,
Her love enfolds them in its charms.

"Who wishes peace and quiet now?"
Young people scornfully demand;
"All that we want is to know how
To pleasure find, right near at hand!"
And, yet, when life its arrows flings,
Till hurt, bewildered by its stings,
They seek a panacea sweet,
They find it oft at Mother's feet.

And if their mother knows the Lord,
And reads and ponders o'er His Word,
Ne'er lost is she for aught to say;
Prepared is she to point the way
To Him, who ever through our tears,
Through sun and shade, through all the years,
Can give to every heart surcease—
Who'll gladly fold us in His peace.

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I would not ask Thee that my days
  Should flow quite smoothly on and on;
Lest I should learn to love the world
  Too well, ere all my time was done.

I would not ask Thee that my work
  Should never bring me pain nor fear;
Lest I should learn to work alone,
  And never wish Thy presence near.

I would not ask Thee that my friends
  Should now and always constant be;
Lest I should learn to lay my faith
  In them alone, and not in Thee.

But I would ask Thee still to give
  By night my sleep, by day my bread,
And that the counsel of Thy Word
  Should shine and show the path to tread.

And I would ask a humble heart,
  A changeless will to work and wake,
A firm faith in Thy providence,
  The rest—'tis Thine to give or take.

—Alfred Norris

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JESUS CHRIST THE DOOR

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (Jon. 10: 9).

God prepared the door for us, and that door was His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. He laid down His life for His sheep, therefore, He prepared the door to God's kingdom when He was nailed upon the cross of Calvary, and it was for the many sins of the world. Yes, He opened up the way to glory when He gave His life on the cross.

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and was hanged between two thieves that He might open the door for you and for me to enter into God's glory. He is the only door by which we can be saved. We are to be willing to enter in through this door and to be saved by Jesus' blood. We can enter in if we will, and become one of God's chosen sheep.

When we enter in at this door, we become His sheep, for He said, "I am the door of my sheep." When we trust God through faith in Jesus Christ the door, then He is ready and willing to open this door and let us come in to be saved. Then, we may know we have passed from death unto life. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of my hand."

Here is God's promise: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." When we enter in at the door prepared for us by Jesus Christ, we gain eternal life which is worth much more than a life lived in sin in the world. There is no other way to gain this eternal life but through Christ, for he that trusteth any other way is the same as a thief and a robber. Then, again, Jesus said, "He that entereth in at this door shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture. Think what wonderful promises God has made for everyone who will enter into the sheepfold through this door of Jesus.

May all of us strive to enter in at this door so that we might all have that life which Jesus came to the world to give to all who would receive it.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes

EDITORIAL

NO BAPTIST NEXT WEEK

It has been the custom for years with the Free Will Baptist Press not to get out an issue of the Baptist paper during the week of July the Fourth and also Christmas week. Because of this fact, there will be no Baptist paper next week.

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PROMINENT MINISTER PASSES

Reverend C. J. Harris of Greenville, North Carolina, recently passed on to his eternal reward. Brother Harris served the Free Will Baptist denomination well for a goodly number of years. He had been very active and influential in the North Carolina Central Conference, and had pastored many of the leading churches of the conference during his earthly ministry.

It is expected that his obituary will soon appear in the Baptist, and that a splendid account of his work as a minister will be submitted by someone to the editor for publication.

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ELDER PHILLIPS

Elder E. T. Phillips, who has been confined to his bed for about five years, is no better. He is very feeble now, and the extremely warm weather seems to make him very weak and nervous, however, his mind is clear, and he still appreciates some company at times when he is at his best.

Brother Phillips was editor of the Baptist paper for many years, and wrote the Sunday School literature for the denomination quite a long time. He was connected with the Free Will Baptist Press for a goodly number of years, but becoming too feeble to carry on his work in the office, he retired at the age of seventy-eigh, some years ago. The Press has been paying him a pension since his retirement.

Mrs. Phillips, his wife, is able to care for him, though she is not so well at this time. The heavenly Father has certainly blessed her, during these years of Brother Phillips' illness, to be able to care for him in a splendid way.

Both of them are asking the prayers of the good Christian people for them that God might continue to bless them during the passing days. They are greatly appreciative of every consideration extended to them both by the Free Will Baptist Press and by the church people in general in this section of the country. They are thankful to God for every deed of kindness shown them during these years of Brother Phillips' sickness. They request friends and visitors to come to visit them whenever possible.

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ORDERS FOR LITERATURE

Orders for Sunday School and the Young People's League supplies have been rushing to us for sometime now, and thus far we have sold large quantities of these supplies. But there are some leagues and Sunday Schools that have not sent us as yet their orders for literature for the third quarter. We are urging, therefore, that they do so right away, and avoid any delay that is likely to occur due to the shortage of supplies.

We are now running low on all quarterlies, and may have to print additional quantities to meet the call of delayed orders, as we did the last quarter. Although we printed more for the Third Quarter, it looks now as though we will sell out before filling all late orders, however, we shall endeavor to supply every order addressed to us. Do not fail, then, to mail your order to us at your earliest possible convenience.

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THE CONCERT CLASS

The Concert Class of boys and girls from the Middlesex Orphanage is receiving splendid response this season from the churches where they have given their program. According to the financial reports coming to us each week for publication in the Baptist paper, the offerings are considerably larger than they were last year. This is a fine showing, and both the church people and Orphanage family are greatly pleased with the fine offerings which are being received.

While this is true, it is also true that it is costing considerably more to run the Orphanage now than it did last year. The things which they have to have for the maintenance of the Home certainly are costing more now and there must be a considerable increase of support for the Institution to carry on its business in a good way. Let everyone look forward to seeing that Home go forward with great success under the splendid leadership of Brother James A. Evans, the superintendent, and his co-workers. May each church that shall be visited by the Concert Class before they close their itinerary do its best to make their offering as large as possible for the glory of God and for the good of the Home.

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REVIVALS

Reports are coming in to the Press concerning some fine revivals which are being held in the different sections of the country. Some have reported splendid interests shown in their meetings, and that many souls were born into the kingdom of God. Others are saying that it takes more than a week to get a modern revival started in a good way. The editor readily agrees with some when they say it takes more than a week to have a revival. For some churches and for some church people it would seem that it needs about six or ten weeks to stir up the people to a spiritual revival, their spiritual thermometer is running so low in this age.

What the world needs is more of "the Old-Time Gospel preaching" to awaken the luke-warm church members, and to bring conviction upon worldly minded people. Soft preaching in a compromising way, which most people want today, will not do for this age of world upheaval and unbelief.

"Take Ye away the Stone"

(John 11: 39)

By Rev. W. F. Clark
Thomasville, Ga.

Our thoughts are taken from the lesson which is taught in the eleventh chapter of St. John. First, we want to notice in every instance where progress is not made there is something in the way, and these obstacles are, like the Devil, called by many names. Obstacles in many ways can block, hinder and destroy your business. They can destroy your character, or that of your son or daughter. After a storm logs, limbs, washouts can hinder your progress. Something must be moved before you can move on. Now, this brings us up to our text.

In verse 39 of the eleventh chapter of St. John are these words, "Take ye away the stone." Let us notice the motive in the lesson. What was the purpose in His delay? Here were three people whom Jesus loved, but He waited two days to minister unto them. At first Lazarus was sick; now he is dead. Notice that the two sisters had the same story to relate to Jesus, "If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Jesus said, "Where hast thou laid him?" Both said, "Come and see." Jesus wept. Here is the shortest verse in the Bible, and the longest as I see it. Here are two powers demonstrated—love and tears. Jesus is love demonstrated by sympathetic tears. John 3: 16 gives us the true meaning of love. Jesus was the sacrifice for love. And as He walked around the city filled with souls, He loved, He said weeping, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I, but you would not." They refused to take the stone away.

Jesus said in our text, "Take ye away the stone," and they moved the stone away. Notice that they moved the stone. What happened then? Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me" (vss. 41, 42). Here comes the exercise of faith. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Again notice that the people had to undo everything that they had done. Notice here the power of love and tears, how it restored life to the dead of four days standing. Above all, notice again the motive in the act. There were many unbelievers present, and now they become believers in Christ, many of them. The power of love and tears was demonstrated again. We are commanded to "Weep with those that weep and to rejoice with those that do rejoice." We are the channels for the blessings of God to flow, the route that He travels on. We are His show windows, reflectors, demonstrators, spectacles, earthly radios to deliver to the world all messages as God gives them to us. Therefore we see that our part is to roll the stone out of the way. Otherwise they will stop the flow of His power.

When Jesus was in the tomb, God sent angels to earth to roll the stone from the door. Jesus gave us a clean way, and the Word has said that nothing unclean will be able to walk therein. This is a one-way road to travel. As ministers of the Gospel, let us study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen not ashamed but men lifting up a standard for the church. We are to locate the stone and then move it out of the way. Then the love and power of God can flow through our lives. Then our churches will begin to grow and bloom as a summer rose. May we remember this one thing: "Man's extremities are God's opportunities." That is why He requires us to do the physical things. He gave to us our physical strength that it be used. And the way He gave us to travel, and after the condition is met, Christ becomes our attorney, our strength, our all in all. We are not ourselves any more; we have been bought with a price. God will not remove our sins until we have rolled the stone away. In other words He will not do for us what we are able to do for ourselves. He will not climb over, surmount, neither will He tunnel under the stones in our lives. We are to remove them.

I say again that this is a one-way road. Christ is the way; not us. So, when we cleanse ourselves from all uncleanliness Christ will forgive all our sins, and cleanse our souls. As it was with Lazarus' case so is it with us. The moving of the stone is our job. If the people had failed to move the stone from the tomb, Lazarus would not have been raised till this day. But when the people obeyed, Christ prayed. God answered by giving life to Lazarus who was a dead man. Notice the fifteenth chapter of St. John—God the power, Christ the Way—we are the distributors with this connection. Jesus said, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done. Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened."

In visiting our churches, I find many of them lifeless. I think Ezekiel gave us a clean picture of our church today in speaking of the dry bones in the valley. I find that we have many valleys of dry bones today. It was asked if the dry bones could live again. It looked almost impossible like some of our churches, but notice as the condition was being met life was restored to the lifeless churches of that day. And if it worked then, it will work today. I have just closed a revival at Fowlstown, Ga., with some mighty fine people, but their church had been in the valley three years. It is a Missionary Baptist Church and there is there one of the finest young ladies I ever met—a Methodist, who saw a possibility of reorganizing a church and Sunday School and she secured the service of a Free Will Baptist minister to conduct the revival. We all worked together fine—as any people you have ever seen. Now this is one of the thousands of churches that is dead. Everyone was glad to see the church doors opened again. They now have a good Sunday School and two services each month. We have the same life preserver as Ezekiel

had. Sometimes I visit a service with some of our churches and when I leave, I feel more like I have been to a funeral, than a regular church service.

Please listen to God talking in Second Chronicles, seventh chapter, fourteenth and fifteenth verses: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." Now He said in the fifteenth verse that He would listen for their cries. Listen, "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayers that are made in this place." O how forgetful we are. Neglect is the trigger that will pull many souls into the enclosure of selfishness, and will bar many souls out of the kingdom of heaven. Neglect has caused more trouble than anything on earth. Neglect is traceable to so many fine fathers and sons going to the electric chair, chain gangs, etc. State Sanatoriums are crowded because of neglect in many instances. All that fail to enter heaven neglect will be responsible. The word says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

If we fail to roll the stone away, we will face the results of neglect at the Judgment, and that will be, "Depart, I never knew you."

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

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"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (Jon. 8: 12).

How dark everything seems today, but how glad would the world be, as a whole, if it knew we would once more have peace, and the light of God's peace would come on again, all over the world. But what is the light which Jesus is talking about here in this verse? This light can be found when there is war or peace. What does He say we are to do to have this light? He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness. What did He mean when He says "Follow me?"

Oh, how easy some people think it is to live the Christian life. Christ said, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate." Yes, we are to throw off the old selfrighteous garments, and to kneel humbly at the cross. We are to depend upon Jesus using His powers through us. Selfrighteousness today is running our churches, but they cannot do anything themselves. And in many cases they will not let God do anything with them.

To me it means being strong in following God so that when the testing time comes we will be able to stand against the fiery darts of the evil one. God certainly does test us, and one of the ways is among the poorest of people to see if they will render service unto Him. He gives some people a chance to help the poor who are not able to help themselves. Then, are we going to say NO to His call? It is certainly a joy to make the poor people happy in the service of the Lord.

If we follow Jesus we will have this light which He speaks of, and we are to radiate this light unto others that they might rejoice in the Lord. If we will surrender ourselves to Jesus, and say, "Lord, use me in thine own way," He will make us a channel of blessings unto others. Think how useful we can be to others by being willing to serve the Lord. Think what marvelous power God can give, if only we Christians will let Him use us for His glory.

We may think that we can take care of our affairs without Him, but He is the one who watches over our every moment. We have to bear many needless pains because we do not let Him lead us in all our endeavors, nor do we go to Him in earnest prayer. Too many of us try to work and struggle to get things done, when God would help us and make the burdens easy, but we will not let Him. We do not ask Him for help. Things would go much better with us if we would go to God more often in prayer, asking Him to help us over our difficulties. God has answered so very many prayers for me that I cannot thank Him for all that He has done for me.

I am a charter member of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, of which Rev. I. J. Blackwelder is pastor. When we began we did not have a church building nor much money, but God led us to the building we are now buying. It was a good building but it was idle, and there were cobwebs and dirt everywhere. I shall never forget the sweet prayers which went up to the throne of grace. Think how God has manifested His power among us! Money has come in when it would seem impossible for the people to give as they did. But we tried God and found Him true to His promises. He opened up the windows of heaven, and poured us out a blessing. Christian people, do not be afraid to start anything for the glory of the Lord. If you will let Him work through you, great results will follow. Where we did have cobwebs and dust, we now have been blessed with a nice clean church in which to worship God in spirit and in truth. We have one of the most beautiful hand-painted pictures of the River Jordan which was done by one of the men who was converted during the revival which was held last summer. We have painted the church building both inside and out. We are now blessed with means so that we can pay our pastor a good salary, and while it is only $35.00 per week, we are expecting to pay him more as God blesses us. We all do feel that we do owe Brother Blackwelder much for his great efforts in leading us in this work, and who has been working so faithfully with us.

It is a wonderful feeling for a church people to be on the mountain top with God, and to be able to serve Him in sincerity and in truth. Will the Christian people please pray for us that we may do even more and be of even greater service unto the Lord? Pray that God will ever help us to be humble and become a greater blessing in His great kingdom.

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Since this is a new movement, more or less, in our denomination, and hardly belongs directly to any department of the work, we are offering the columns of this department, for the present, as a medium for reports on Daily Vacation Bible Schools. We will welcome reports from all churches sponsoring schools this season, regardless of what auxiliary of the church may have been responsible for the school. We offer reports on two Daily Vacation Bible Schools here:

With the Indians at Pembroke

The Daily Vacation Bible School for the children of St. Anna Association, being conducted at St. Anna Church, Pembroke, is being sponsored this year by the State Women's Auxiliary Convention. This organization is furnishing literature, etc., through Mrs. Ballard, the state mission worker. Miss Reece Graham, a graduate of Pembroke College, and one of the leaders among the young people of the Indian Association, is director of the school. Her assistants are as follows: Story Hour—Miss Winnie Lee Oxendine and Miss Inez Lowery; Primary—Miss Ila Oxendine and Miss Crida Mae Oxendine; Juniors—Miss Adrif Bell Oxendine and Mr. Claude Lowry; Intermediates—Miss Graham and Lacy and Newtin Cummings.

Miss Graham has sent daily reports on the progress of the school, and these bulletins are so interesting that we wish space would permit our giving them in full, however we must just give quotations:

"June 15—Just as time approached for the opening of our Daily Vacation Bible School yesterday, a heavy thunder storm arose, but to my surprise we had 41 who came on to the church anyway."

"June 16.—Yesterday we had 78 girls and boys in the school, and the eagerness with which they went about their work brought a blessing to my soul. Everyone seems to really enjoy the work. The thunder storms came again, but God provided ways for all the children to get home. I really feel that we are accomplishing much and it will mean much to our church."

"June 17—Yesterday we had 84 present."

"June 18—Yesterday we had 102 present. We are planning to run two weeks. Wish that you (this letter was addressed to Mrs. Ballard) could be with us again this year. You really would enjoy it. By you being with us last year we learned what a good work could be done through the Daily Vacation Bible School, and this year the cooperation is better. We can never return enough thanks to God for the literature and encouragement which has come to us through the State Women's Auxiliary Convention."

Forty-one, Seventy-eight, Eighty-four, One Hundred and Two! Isn't this a fine record. We can hardly wait for reports on the remaining days of this splendid Vacation Bible School. Surely, God has led in the movement for co-operating with our Indian Brothers and Sisters in this work.

At the close of all her reports, Miss Graham says, "Pray for Us." Let all who read this offer a prayer for these fine people who have been making progress the past year and a half that would shame many of us.

At the Free Will Baptist Orphanage

Mrs. Ballard, assisted by Misses Nannie Lou Little and La Vee Williams, are this week conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex. Literature for this School is being furnished by the Women's Auxiliary Convention of N. C., through their department of state mission work. They are also donating to the other expenses of the school.

Mid-week reports on the school are splendid. Much interest is being taken in the work by the children, and the fine young women who are getting their "breaking-in" in this work in assisting Mrs. Ballard, are (to quote from Mrs. B.) "proving very satisfactory." We are praying that these two splendid Christian girls, together with our Indian worker, Miss Reece Graham, will be the forerunners of a number of young people who will be led to prepare themselves, and dedicate themselves to this much needed branch of work in our denomination. Surely, God is calling to the youth of our church today. Let us pray that many will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

L. E. Ballard

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REPORT OF S. S. CONVENTION

Minutes of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention May 30, 1943.

The convention met with the Sunday School at Mt. Tabor. Devotions were conducted by Bro. Isaac Furlough. Bro. D. H. Furlough gave an address of welcome. Ministers of the district present were Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. D. M. Radcliff and Rev. T. F. Davenport. Visiting ministers were Rev. J. R. Bennett, 5th Eastern District, Rev. K. W. Gaskill, Carteret District, and Rev. L. E. Ballard of Greenville. The minutes of last convention were read and approved. The list of Sunday Schools was called and those representing with donations were as follows:

	Orph.	Conv.
Elizabeth City	$ 50.00	$ 1.00
Malachi's Chapel	45.00	1.00
Free Union	28.00	1.00
Mt. Tabor	28.00	1.06
Hickory Chapel	20.41	2.00
Sound Side	10.00	.50
Shilo	4.50	.50
Union Grove	4.00	1.00
Mt. Zion	3.50	.50
Piny Grove	2.00	1.00
Sidney	1.50	.50
Gumneck		1.50

A Sunday School sent donations without a

report blank, we have no way of giving that school credit for---	5.00	1.00
Total ----------	$201.91	$12.56

At this time the convention was favored with special music rendered by Miss Ruth Jennings. Rev. J. R. Bennett brought the 11 o'clock message. A special number was rendered by Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Miss Ruth Jennings. A public offering was taken amounting to $67.62, making a total today for the orphanage of $269.53.

Noon hour

The convention reassembled at 1:30 o'clock. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. At this time the convention gave time for the Union in session to accept any report brought in since the close of the Union. Mrs. Archie Willoughby gave a report of the State Sunday School Convention. Mrs. L. E. Ballard also made remarks on the same. Motion made and carried that the secretary send to Rev. L. E. Ballard the minutes of the Conventions for publication in the Baptist. Motion to adjourn to meet with the Sunday School at Malachi's Chapel fifth Sunday in August.

D. H. Furlough, President,
Alonza L. Reynolds, Secy.

NEWS FROM SIDNEY CHURCH

The people of Sidney Church are rejoicing and praising the Lord over the spiritual revival meeting which closed Friday night, June 18. The Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, North Carolina, conducted the meetting. He brought wonderful messages each evening. Many hearts of the people were moved.

While there were no new converts, a goodly number of the church members re-dedicated their lives to God, and pledged a closer walk with him during future days. We praise the Lord for men like Brother Lupton, for it thrills our hearts to know that we have ministers who can and will preach the Word of God in all of its purity, and in such an effective manner.

Brother Lupton's pleasant personality and Christlike spirit has won for him many friends in our church and community. Our sincere prayers for him are that God will strengthen him both physically and spiritually, and will use him in many fields of service to His name's honor and glory.

On Sunday, June 20, the members of Sidney Church observed the Annual Homecoming Celebration. A splendid program was rendered. The principal message for the occasion was delivered by Rev. Kenneth Gaskill. Several members of the local church took part on the program.

In the afternoon, Reverend Herman Wooten, the pastor who was in charge, held a testimonial service, and rendered a short message on the subject: "The World Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Following his message we had Communion Services, and washed the Saint's Feet.

The Lord has certainly blessed us since our last Homecoming Celebration one year ago, and we are praising Him for it. Pray for us that we might grow stronger in grace and be worthy of the least of His blessings.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

NOTED EVANGELIST JOINS FREE WILL BAPTIST

During a recent revival in the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, the Rev. R. H. (Bob) Woolley joined the Edgemont church.

Rev. Woolley is an associate and friend of Chester Pelt, pastor of the Durham Church, and has been since 1937 while they were attending the Bob Jones College together. During the summer months of two summers, they were together in evangelistic work among Free Will Baptists in Alabama and Mississippi. All during this time and since, Rev. Woolley took delight in listening to what the Free Will Baptist believed and practiced. In the meantime, he got a copy of the **"Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists,"** and studied it carefully and prayerfully. He finally concluded that it was what he believed. Then he began making plans to join the Free Will Baptist church.

On May 16, 1943, Rev. Woolley began a series of revival services in the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. Leonard Earl Harris as music director. The meeting continued through May 30th. During the time, more than fifty souls were saved or reconsecrated. At the close of the meeting, the pastor baptized

Rev. Woolley

fifteen converts. The church witnessed one of the greatest revivals in years. And the community at large was constant in attendance.

It was on the last day of the revival that Rev. Woolley came forward, requesting membership in the local church. He was received by a unanimous vote of the church. He is now studying for his examination in preparation for his ordination. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, but came to us from an independent church of Charlotte, North Carolina. Since 1937 he has been continuously active in evangelistic work. The Lord has richly blessed his ministry wherever He has led him. I am sure that you will pray for him while he is being introduced to his new denominational connection. If you wish to write to him for a meeting or just a friendly letter, his address is: Rev. Bob Woolley, 704 E. Park Ave., Charlotte, N. C. Without hesitation I am glad to recommend him to my brother ministers as a God called and God sent man.

Chester Pelt

Early History of Free Will Baptists

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(Article No. 17)

"INDIA MISSIONS" — This Free Baptist field is in British India. It comprises the districts of Midnapore, and Balsore. It has an area of more than 7,000 square miles and a population of about 3,500,000. Midnapore is south of Calcutta. Its average length is about 90 miles and its area is 5,082 square miles. It is mostly level and rich soil. The west is mostly jungle, and thinly populated. Balsore is a district about 9 to 34 miles in width with an area of 2,066 miles with a range of hills on the interior. One side has level rich fields. Both districts are well watered with several streams, that often overflow and shift their courses. By the use of embankments and canals the surplus water is often used for irrigation and navigation. The Midnapore high level canal is 53 miles long, another is 120 miles.

The level plains are almost treeless yet the villages are largely covered with bamboos, arranged in green shady lanes. There are several other kinds of trees; palms dot the landscape and form rows about the water tanks. A kind of aloes are set in straight lines between fields. The villages average about three to every two square miles, thus making it look like a continuous grove. Through the bamboos every where may be seen the thatched roofs of the houses. There are TRUNK ROADS of travel which are made of stone and others are only traveled part of the year, as they are not passable all the time. Of the former kind is the great Jagannath road. Strong bridges span the smaller streams while the larger ones are crossed by temporary bridges of boats in the dry season and in the rainy season by ferries.

Dak bungalows are placed by the government along principal roads for the officers to use, and for a small sum can be rented by travelers, but the missionaries get them free. Food also can be purchased from a man who has each building to oversee. Midnapore has a population of 33,-924, a large bazar, considerable manufacturing of brass and copper articles. It is also the center of a large indigo and silk industry, carried on by an English company that owns an extensive tract of land, with fine buildings, good schools, including a college.

Quite a number of Europeans reside there.

Balasore is the chief town of the district with 20,311 inhabitants, and is 8 miles from the sea "as the crow flies," and sixteen by the river called "Old Twister."

The earliest settlement in India of the English was at Pippli in 1833 and 9 years later one at Balasore. The commercial importance was destroyed since by shifting sands. The climate is tropical, the hot season is April and May though tempered somewhat by sea breezes and thunder storms that gather suddenly and carry with them furious winds. In the fall it becomes close and oppressive, in the winter monsoons begin and with the change destructive cyclones. The highest temperature is 120 in the sun and lowest 55 in winter. By the last of February, the cool season is over and in March the heat rapidly increases. The prevailing diseases are: Fever, Diarrhea, dysentery, and cholrea, but this part of India is not very unhealthy. Out of 50 missionaries only about 6 have lost their lives. A few other have been permanently disabled and still others left the country to recuperate. The land is rented for from twenty cents to four dollars per acre.

Rice is the staple food of which there are three harvests per year—the spring, autumn, winter rice. The latter is much the largest and comes in December or January. About 1,200 pounds per acre is the yield of cleaned rice. Drouths sometimes occur and when severe, owing to the poverty of a large part of the people, famine follows. Other food products are peas, beans, sweet potatoes, yams, etc.

Bananas are abundant, and other good fruits are the mango and the apple. Indigo, cotton, sugar cane, tobacco, oilseed, etc., are produced, and from the Jungle Hahals, lac, tasar silk, wax, rosin, fire wood, charcoal, etc., are produced.

Mats and salt, all domestic animals and buffaloes, as well as poultry, are kept. Many wild animals are found in the jungles including the leopard, bear, deer, etc., and sometimes the elephant. Large monkeys abound and throng the villages.

The jackals and vultures are the scavengers. Reptiles are numerous, including the deadly cobra. The houses are nearly all made of clay, and thatched with rice straw or coarse grass, but some of the wealthy have brick houses.

Water is generally obtained from artificial ponds. The people are mostly Hindus, and some Mohammadans. There are many Kolarian, mostly Santals, and four languages are spoken. The Hindus are Aryans, but mixed with other races. They are ignorant, hence they are idolatrous and superstitious though intellectual and highly susceptible to mental culture. Pride of cast and depravity fortify them against the Christian religion. They are inoffensive and courteous, though often cruelly indifferent to suffering when it is of persons of another cast. It is the custom of the wealthy to keep their women secluded since the promiscuous association of men and women is not considered chaste. Poligamy is allowed but is not common among the Hindus. Children are betrothed when very young, and since the betrothal is equivalent to marriage, many of the young girls become widows. Widows are not permitted to remarry, and are denied many pleasures of life. SUCH IS THE FIELD. — which the FREE WILL BAPTIST Foreign Mission Society was providentially led to choose, but great changes have been wrought since it was first entered. The burning of widows, human sacrifices, the crushing of victims under the wheels of Jagannath's car,

and hook swinging have been abolished by the government, though the latter is still practiced in the interior. Cast bonds have been weakened, faith in idols to a large extent destroyed, the great stream of pilgrims to Jagannath reduced to a small fraction of its former volume, and the enthusiasm of its annual festivals largely quenched.

English education has taken place of Sanscript. The education of girls has also been begun. The native press teams with the periodicals and books. The government aids and forms high schools. The India people are slow to change but solid when they do. Christianity has already lifted them up never to go back to where they once were. The first Free Will Baptist Missionaries to this field were Rev. Eli Noyes and Mrs. Noyes, Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, D. D., and Mrs. Phillips—accompanied by Buzzell, David Marks, Place, Cilley, and Dr. Sutton. Dr. Noyes was ordained in a sugar orchard with 3,000 people present at Sugar Hill, Lisbon Co., N. H., at a Yearly Meeting session and the sermon preached by Dr. Cox of England. They sailed from Boston on the LOUVRE, Sept. 22, 1835. It took them about four and a half months to arrive at Calcutta, Feb. 4, 1836. Many of the Free Will Baptist friends and ministers waved them adieu at the wharf.

Death and sickness followed, still others went to the field and are still going. It would take volumes to tell the story, so I must stop here and let Eternity alone record the results.

Note (Next article will be on Temperance, Printing and the Morning Star.)

TO FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

By Rev. H. J. Sawyer,
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Clover, S. C.

On May 30, 1943, at Darlington, South Carolina, with five of the associations and conferences which have churches in South Carolina, it was decided to effect a temporary organization of a STATE ASSOCIATION.

The officers elected were as follows: Rev. L. A. Halliday, moderator, Foreston, S. C.; Rev. L. L. Moore, recording secretary, Hyman, S. C.; Rev. H. J. Sawyer, corresponding secretary, 203 Poplar Street, Clover, S. C.; Rev. Seldon Bullard, treasurer, Rockingham, N. C., Box 803.

FIRST. It was decided that we should urge each church of our faith in South Carolina to send one delegate, and their pastor to the Annual Session; and also to advise each Free Will Baptist minister in our State, who is in good standing with his conference or association, that each is considered a member of our State Association. Furthermore, each minister is urged to attend. This also applies to out-of-the State ministers who pastor churches in South Carolina.

SECOND. It was also decided to ask each church to send a contribution for the expenses of our organization. It is also planned that, at the time of our first regular session, we are to establish as best we can a budget so as to be able to finance the different departments of our organization. It being made known that the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, Whitney, South Carolina (near the city of Spartanburg, S. C.) has asked for the first session. The body voted to accept this invitation, and the time was set for September 10, at 10:00 A. M., Eastern War Time.

On motion by Rev. J. H. Sawyer, it was decided to ask Rev. T. B. Mellette, clerk of the Georgia State Association, to visit us at the time, and preach the Introductory Sermon at the eleven o'clock hour.

It is the hope of this writer that the Free Will Baptist all over our State will read this article, and if you have any information concerning churches located in our State, please advise me at once so that I can get in touch with them. I have information as to the churches in the original conference, the Beaver Creek Association, and incomplete information covering the Pee Dee Association and the Rockfish Association, which has churches in both North Carolina and in South Carolina. I should like to get any further news from them.

I have also learned that there is an Eastern Conference, a Rockdale Association, and Saint Annah Association. I do not know the location of any of the churches in these bodies. I hope, therefore, that someone can furnish the names and locations of the churches; and, if possible, the names and addresses of the clerks. Any news concerning any other conference or association in our State will be greatly appreciated.

We hope that those who read this article will inform your church, and start planning to delegate to this all important meeting at Whitney. Come one! Come all, and let us have a worthwhile State Association in South Carolina.

Please address all correspondence to Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar Street, Clover, South Carolina.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary State Association of North Carolina

Not Too Late

If for any reason you did not make your offering for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION during the month of June it is not TOO LATE NOW FOR YOUR OFFERING TO DO GOOD.

Not Every One That Saith

There is a great deal said about "RELIGION" but religion without CHRIST is one of the DEVIL'S greatest weapons, and by it he is damning more souls than by any other means. Jesus tells us about people who have religion and says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7: 21-23 R. V.).

These had religion—a religion with sufficient power to cast out devils, and perform mighty works, along with their prophecy, according to their profession, but Jesus said, "I NEVER KNEW YOU." They had never been "born again" for if they had, Jesus would have known it, so He "never knew them." Be sure, dear reader, that your religion is the CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Only Two Religions

There are hundreds of religions. It is said that there are 903 organized religions in the world. But there are thousands of thousands who have religion outside of organizations. What a man believes makes up his religion. But from God's standpoint there are only TWO RELIGIONS. One of these is man's religion, and the other is God's religion.

Man's religion, regardless to the name is based on human attainment —the works of man—while God bases His religion on DIVINE ATONEMENT. Man "turns over a new leaf" while God makes a new life. "You hath He created in Christ Jesus" (Ephe. 2: 10) Man's religion is after its founder, "Cain" who brought the best that he could produce from a cursed earth. Of course, Satan, the old "deceiver" planned Cain's religion, just like he plans all man-made religion. God's religion was exemplified—or typed—when Abel offered—"brought one of the firstlings of his flock" and offered it unto God. Abel's offering was a BLOOD OFFERING. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin" (Heb. 9: 22). "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1: 7).

Man's Puny Efforts

The puny efforts of man is absolutely worthless in obtaining salvation, so far as man's goodness is concerned. Our best is "as filthy rags" in the sight of God. It makes no difference how good and pure one's life may be, he or she, is under the curse of the law, and condemned to eternal death, without the life is placed, by faith, under the shed blood of the LAMB OF GOD—THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. The life of Christ, as pure, and holy as it was—one that was never yielded unto sin—one that was spent, "going about doing good." A life with the absolute perfection of DIVINITY cannot save, never, without the absolute faith in the ATONEMENT made by the LORD JESUS, when he gave His life a ransom for the sins of man. It took the cross to purchase the redemption of man. So, all of our goodness is "filthy" in the sight of God.

Dear Reader, do not depend on your good deeds and your fine morality, for it will not stand the test when you stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Accept the death of CHRIST with all that the holy Scriptures teach and you will be saved the very moment you BELIEVE. The life of Christ is beautiful, but it took His death, to make us poor sinners LIVE.

Listen, at Jesus, as He says, "I must be lifted up." "I came to give my life a ransom." "For this cause came I unto this hour." "No man taketh my life from me, I lay it down of myself and I will take it up again." These words of Jesus, with many others, assure us that the only way for God to save us from the penalty of sin, is through the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus.

Listen to Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed." God is satisfied with the death of Jesus on the cross because of its results. There is nothing lacking. It was a perfect work. But my dear reader do you know that God is satisfied with your treatment of Christ who died for you? God can only be satisfied when you accept of that which Christ did for you. Our life must be placed under the drippings of the cross. We must see those "Five bloody wounds" and accept of that blood which flowed therefrom as our only means of salvation before God can be satisfied with our life. Will you accept HIM NOW?

My Health at This Time

I have had a set back in my health recently. The Doctor says, "You must rest some." I am now having to take four hours per day, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. That does not leave much time to work. But what I am able to do, I want to do for the Lord and the salvation of the lost. Pray that God will give me a little more time to work if it can be His will. When I can no longer work, I want to go home to be with the Lord. Pray to that end, if, "It is the Lord's will."

A Tract

We are having published a TRACT —"DO YOU KNOW?"—which gives us seven questions to answer. We must answer one way or another. These will be ready in a few days. Watch for the announcement.

We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5: 1.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Women's Auxiliary National Convention will be held with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, beginning Monday evening, July 12, 1943. May I urge each officer of State Conventions (or district convention if you do not have a State organization) to please mail your reports to the proper officer of the National Convention at once if you have not done so. Due to the lack of transportation facilities and other hindering causes, many of our people will not be able to attend the Convention. If you can not attend, don't neglect praying for the work of the convention that it may be in harmony with God's Will, and pray that during the coming year that each Auxiliary member of every local Auxiliary may do more and better work in extending His Kingdom by obeying the Great Commission.

Rebecca Stewart,

Corresponding Secretary,

National Convention

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HOLLY SPRINGS AID REPORT

Our society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. A. Stancil on Wednesday night, June 9, 1943. It was opened by song service, Scripture reading and prayer. The program was carried out in the Program Book, with Mrs. Isham Phillips as program committee.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and dues paid.

Dues collected	$1.79
Egg Money	4.30
Total	$6.09

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	58
Cards to sick	7
Gallons milk given	35
Sick visits made	31
Trays given	3
Flowers given	5

After benediction the hostess served delicious refreshments.

(Miss) Vessie Stancil, Secretary

REPORT OF ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

The Albemarle League Union met with Mount Tabor Church on May 29, 1943. The Theme was: "The Challenge of Youth in Today's World."

The league union was opened with the young people singing a hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Following this, Mrs. Archie Willoughby, the president, delivered a well prepared talk which was very interesting. Prayer was offered by Mr. Merton Early. The devotions were then conducted by Miss Alethia Etheridge, who used for her subject, "The Uniform of Christ." She used as her scripture lesson Ephesians 6: 10-18. Prayer was offered by Mr. Edgar Armstrong, after which the convention was favored with special music which was rendered by Misses Evelyn and Violet Furlough.

Miss Alice Webster spoke on the subject: "The Need for Training the Youth in Christian Service." The text was taken from Proverbs 22: 6. Following this Rev. W. A. Hales gave a very interesting talk on the following subject: "The Opportunity of our Leagues in the Present Crisis." Then Mrs. Willoughby read a letter from a lieutenant who is in the United States Army, and in some far off battle area. The letter was to his sister, and in it, he said, "Tell all America to pray." Mrs. Willoughby said, after reading the letter, "Let everyone pray without ceasing." So, the convention went to God in silent prayer for all the men and women who are in the Service of their country. Then, Miss Ruth Jennings brought a message in song which all enjoyed. The following were appointed to serve on the Digest Committee: Mrs. H. I. Fowler, Mrs. W. T. Windley, and Miss Ruth Dowdy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following leagues were represented with reports and contributions:

Malachi's Chapel, Junior (25 cents), Adult $1.00)	$1.25
Free Union, Adult (50 cents), Seniors (25 cents) Inter. 25 cents), Juniors (25 cents)	1.25
Hickory Chapel, Adult ($1.00), Junior No. 1 (50 cents), Intermediates ($1.00), Junior No. 2 (50 cents)	3.00
Sound Side, Adult (50 cents), Senior (50 cents), Junior and Intermediate (50 cents)	1.50
Elizabeth City, Adult (50 cents) Senior (50 cents), Intermediate (50 cents), Junior (50 cents)	2.00
Grand Total	$9.00

A motion was made and carried to send delegates to the State League Convention, which will be held with Hickory Chapel. The amount was five dollars and the delegate was Miss Alice Webster. A motion was made to request each league to use the individual report slips, and the Special League Secretary's Record Books. A motion was carried that the best all-round leaguer from the Albemarle District be given a free trip to Camp in 1944. The rules for a leaguer to be eligible for this trip are as follows: (1) Attend the league each Sunday night; (2) attend Sunday School each Sunday; (3) attend church regularly; (4) attend as many as two league unions; (5) conduct as many as four prayer meetings; (6) visit the sick, and read the Bible daily.

A duet was rendered by Misses Ruth Jennings and Alethia Etheridge. After careful consideration of each league report, the Digest Committee found the Saint Paul Adult League had won the banner. The meeting closed to meet with the leagues at Malachi's Chapel, August 28, 1943. The League Union was dismissed with the league benediction.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Pres.

(Miss) Alice Webster, Secy.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

GOD CALLS A LEADER

(Lesson for July 11)

Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the Children of Israel out of Egypt" (Ex. 3: 10).

God's Choice of Instruments

God chooses the humblest instruments. He passes by the tempest, and waters the fields and gardens with His imperceptible dew. He passes by the great elephant, and bestows the hues of sapphire and amethyst upon the tiny humming bird. He passed by the lofty pines and huge elm trees; and lavishes blossom and perfume on the violet. All history teaches the same truth. Moses was the son of a poor Levite; Gideon was a thresher; David was a shepherd boy; Amos was a herdsman; the Apostles were obscure and unlearned; Zwingle was a shepherd; Melancthon, the great theologian of the Reformation, was an armorer; Luther was the child of a poor miner; Fuller was a farm servant; Carey, the originator of the plan of translating the Bible into the language of the millions of Hindustan, was a shoemaker; Morrison, who translated the Bible into the Chinese language, was a last-maker; Dr. Milne was a herd-boy; Adam Clarke was the son of Irish cotters; John Foster was a weaver; Jay, of Bath, was a herdsman.—Christian Age.

"Christ has no hands but our hands,
To do His work to-day;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongue,
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring men to His side!"

"I will not worry, I will trust,
For God, who knoweth all my needs
Is merciful, and kind, and just,
And I will follow where He leads.

"I will not worry, doubt, nor fear,
For God doth hold me by His hand
And though life's path at times be drear,
He loves me and doth understand!"

—Selected

II. Home Work

1. What individuals had deep spiritual experiences in the desert? (Exo. 3: 1, 2; Lu. 4: 1, 2; Gal. 1: 17).

2. Why is it fitting for God to appear in a fire? (I Ki. 18: 24, 38; Heb. 12: 19; Dan. 3: 26, 27).

3. Was the thing Moses had to do to get this revelation a great thing? (Exo. 3: 3, 4).

4. What men did God call by name? (Gen. 3: 9; 22: 11; I Sam. 3: 4; I Ki. 19: 9; Acts 9: 4).

5. What makes a place holy? (Exo. 3: 4, 5; II Chron. 8: 11).

6. What doctrine is taught by Exo. 3: 6? (Mat. 22: 31, 32).

7. Why was Moses afraid to look upon God? (Exo. 33: 20).

8. Did Moses need to return to Egypt on account of the Pharaoh from whom he fled? (Exo. 2: 15, 23).

9. What is the difference between the response of Moses and that of Isaiah? (Exo. 3: 11; Is. 6: 8).

10. How did the Lord overcome Jeremiah's objections? (Jes. 1: 6-10).

11. Into what three equal periods may Moses' life be divided? (See our **Advanced Quarterly,** page 8).

12. What is meant by "A land flowing with milk and honey." (See our **Senior Quarterly,** page 9).

III. Sentence Sermons

1. The man who runs ahead of God may afterward find himself on the backside of the desert (Exo. 3: 1).

2. No matter how great a fire if the Lord is in the midst of it (vs. 2).

3. It is necessary to turn aside from the earthly pursuits in order to receive a revelation from God (vs. 3).

4. God knows us well enough to call us by our individual names (vs. 4).

5. The nearer we come to the Lord, the more important it is to have a clean walk (vs. 5).

6. God remains ever the same through all passing generations (vs. 6).

7. No experience of His children ever escapes the notice of the living God (vs. 7).

8. When God comes down in behalf of His people, there is always deliverance and victory (vs. 8).

9. God frequently operates through specially chosen and prepared human instruments (vs. 10).

10. No one ever has a right to refuse God's call to service (vs. 11).

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

When Robert Raikes was much concerned about the desecration of the Lord's Day in England, he cried to God and said, "Can nothing be done?" Later on, when the Sunday School business was getting along very well, Raikes recalled the way he had called upon God and how the Heavenly Father had put it into his heart to open up the schools for the ragged children on a Sunday morning: "See what God hath wrought" was his way of summing it up. Raikes never knew how much God could do through the method which we call the Sunday School. Without the slightest reflection on those who are professionally known as evangelists, it is worth noticing that the Sunday School is still the most useful method of getting the Gospel not only to boys and girls, but to men and women.

—Selected

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger. Psa. 27: 9.

UNION REPORT

The Union Meeting of the Third District of the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met with Sandy Plain Church in Duplin County on Saturday, May 29, 1943.

The Union was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. F. E. Jones. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Manning. Various committees were appointed by the Moderator and all visiting brothers were welcomed. We had with us L. B. Manning and Bruce Barrow. Each one made some very interesting remarks. Brother Barrow was appointed to fill in the vacant time in the afternoon.

The introductory sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Vernon, after which we adjourned for dinner.

In the afternoon, we reassembled for the transaction of business matters. The list of churches was called and all were represented except three.

The different committees were asked to make their reports. A motion was passed to pay Rev. Duff $5.00 out of the treasury and a collection was also taken for him.

Petitions were taken for the next union meeting, and the next one goes to Smith's New Home Church in Lenoir county, with Rev. R. C. Kennedy to preach the introductory sermon.

A motion was made to extend a vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting.

The meeting was closed by Rev. L. J. Potter with song and prayer.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Leslie Kennedy, Clerk

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Second Union of the Western Association met with Union Chapel, near Middlesex, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May.

After the usual Devotional Exercises the Moderator appointed the following committees: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, and Appropriation, the Orphanage Standing.

After the appointment of the committees then the list of ministers were called and minutes of last union read and approved, then were dismissed for ten minutes.

At 12, noon, the morning message was delivered. After the message one hour was given for dinner. The local church and community spread a nice dinner on the church grounds.

At 2:00 o'clock the congregation returned back in the house to finish the business. The list of churches was called. Most of them were represented with delegates and contributions. Received from churches, $32.50. $9.00 of this amount was given to Rev. James A. Evans, to help pay the expense of the State Association, which is to convene with the Orphanage in September.

Then the various committees made their reports which were accepted. The contribution was divided between the Orphanage and the disabled, and deceased ministers' wives.

Petitions were received for the next union.

By vote we meet with Milbournie Church in Wilson County in August. The church is located four miles West of Wilson.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Union Chapel for their kindness shown this Union.

We closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

CAPE FEAR UNION

The Cape Fear Union of the Cape Fear Association convened with the church at Powhatan, May 29, 1943.

The morning devotions were in charge of Rev. W. H. Lancaster who called on Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark to read and make a few comments. The Moderator took charge and the roll was called and the minutes of the last union meeting were read and approved. The ministers of the Cape Fear Union present were as follows: T. E. Beaman, C. H. Coats, H. R. Faircloth, M. E. Godwin, R. H. Jackson, W. H. Lancaster, M. A. Warrick, and J. D. Vernelson. Those absent were L. J. Carlisle, J. H. French, M. L. Johnson, G. C. Joyner, Herman Wooten, and C. R. Biggs, also retired ministers W. R. Coats and W. R. Glover. There were two visiting ministers, Rev. W. K. Jordan and Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of the Third Union of Western Association. Nineteen churches were represented by delegates and two by letter.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. J. D. Vernelson who used the Scripture, Gen. 22: 14, and as subject, "Vision in the Mount of God."

After lunch the Union re-convened and Rev. R. H. Jackson preached, using as his subject, "The Adequate Gospel."

Reports were made by the various committees, and they were good. There was special music during the afternoon in charge of Rev. W. K. Jordan.

A motion was made that the chair appoint a committee to write a letter of endorsement to the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County for its action in respect to the non-sale of Beer and Wine in Johnston County on Sunday. The committee was named as follows: Rev. C. H. Coates, Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Rev. T. E. Beaman.

The Union will meet in August with the church at Hopewell.

Rev. C. H. Coates, Moderator
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary

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Boys and Girls Corner

Dear Editor:

I am a little boy 12 years of age, and I like to read "BOYS AND GIRLS CORNER." I saw in the last issue where you were asking for short stories for the same. Here are two from my Scrap Book. I'll be very glad for you to use them if you like.

I am making a Scrap Book of these kind of stories, and perhaps other boys and girls are doing the same. I think it would be nice for us to "sort of exchange" stories through the BOYS AND GIRLS CORNER in the Baptist paper, so as to get new stories for our Scrap Books.

If you would like for me to send some more stories from my Scrap Book, just drop me a card.

Yours truly,
Gailliard Simmons

(P. S.—Thank you, Gailliard, for your two nice stories for the BOYS AND GIRLS CORNER. I am using one of them in this issue of the Baptist paper. You have a splendid idea of "exchange of stories" for boys and girls' Scrap Books. Let us hope other boys and girls will send in fine short stories, as you have done, for the BOYS AND GIRLS CORNER of our church paper.—Editor.)

HOW ELSIE FOUND THE WAY

"I think we are lost," said Bob, as he buttoned up his coat against the biting wind, "I don't know the way home."

"I don't know where we are," sobbed Betty as she choked on the sleet which the wind blew into her mouth every time she opened it, "and I am afraid."

"I am lost too," said small Elsie, but I am not very much afraid. Maybe I ought to be afraid but I am not. I keep thinking about that God would not be afraid; all of this is His World, and He would not be afraid anywhere in it.

Betty and Bob looked at each other, and wondered. Elsie always talked about God as if He were very real, and very close by. They had always thought Elsie a little queer but now a thought like Elsie said about God made them both feel quieter and braver. Elsie was their near neighbor, and went with them every day to the little gray school house out on the prairie where they all went to school. There were only ten of the pupils in the school, and Elsie was the youngest. Also she had the longest way to go home but none of them had very far to go alone. Part of the way the Doyle boys were along, and then part of the Wright children, and after that Bob and Betty went almost to Elsie's very door with her.

Nobody had thought of being afraid when they started home from the schoolhouse. The wind was whistling and blowing cold out of the north, and they knew they had to hurry, but nobody thought of it being a real blizzard that would fill the air with sleet and sand and the snow, and hide the road so you wouldn't know where you were.

Bob and Betty had promised to take good care of Elsie and certainly they had not been to blame that they were lost now. They had not stopped on the way to play. Nobody had wanted to play in such a freezing wind as this, and they had kept going just as fast as small Elsie could go. Part of the time they had held to her hands and run with her, but the wind ran faster than they, and it shook its hoary curtain of snow before their eyes and piled it on the ground until they couldn't see a path anywhere. They couldn't see the fence, or a tree or an orchard or any of the things they were used to seeing on the way.

They didn't know which way they were going, but Bob said they had better keep moving so they wouldn't freeze to death, so they stayed close together and held fast to each others' hands, so they wouldn't lose each other.

Betty said that she thought they were going round and round in the same place, and had just as well stop, but Bob said they were all shivering with the cold and none of them knew where they were going.

Then Elsie stumbled over a small dry brush and out jumped a little brown rabbit with a snowy white tail. Elsie had been born in a foreign country, and some of the boys and girls thought she talked sort of queer, but all of them loved her because she was kind.

"Oh!" said Elsie as she saw the rabbit. "I know this little rabbit. He lives at the church, and I feed him cabbage and he knows me. He is crippled and cannot run very fast, so I think we must be close to the church. Hop a long, little rabbit, hop a long to your home at the church, and we will follow you."

"I think the church is a long way from here," said Bob, "I don't think we have ever been going toward the church, and a rabbit cannot see any better in this snow than we can."

Said Elsie, "A rabbit knows things that we don't know. When a rabbit goes away from home, he always knows the way back even if it is dark."

"I am not going to follow a little crippled rabbit when I think he is going the wrong way," declared Bob, and Betty said they should follow Bob whichever way he went.

"I am going to follow the little rabbit," said Elsie, "and I know he will come to the church."

Then because Bob and Bettie had promised to take care of Elsie, they had to follow the way she went, and sure enough it was not long until they came straight to the church steps. They could not open the door, but Bob found a window open and they climbed in. Bob made a fire in the big stove, because he knew where they kept the kindling and the matches; and Betty found the bell rope, and rang the church bell, but Elsie sat down and cuddled the little rabbit in her mittened hands to help him get warm.

Then she bowed her head and said, "Thank you God for letting your little rabbit show us the way to find your house." Betty and Bob bowed their heads, and were glad about Elsie's little prayer.

Then it wasn't long after the church bell rang before their fathers and mothers came, and other people too, for some had already begun looking for the lost children.

"How did you ever find the way to the church?" Bob's father asked him.

"We didn't," said Betty, "Elsie found the way and we followed her."

"Oh no!" said Elsie, as she held up the little crippled rabbit, "it was the little rabbit that found the way, and we followed him. I called him God's little rabbit because he lives at the church. I know him and he knows me, and I feed him cabbage. He is crippled and can't go very far, so when I saw him I knew the church was close by and I followed him."

Then Elsie's father, who was a doctor, said he could mend the little rabbit's crippled leg so it would be quite well and strong again, and Bob and Betty and Elsie were all glad of that.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

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Middlesex, N. C.
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Concert Receipts, 8th Week

Moseley's Creek	$65.52
Core Creek	108.00
Wintergreen	37.20
Gethsemane	40.00
Mt. Pleasant	30.35
Holly Springs	42.75
Sound View	25.00
Total	$348.82

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

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ROOMS TO BE PAINTED AND RE-PAPERED

The time is drawing near for the State Association to meet with us during the month of September, 1943. Before this meeting convenes, we are very anxious to have all rooms in good repair. We have received funds from some of the Organizations to be spent on paint and we urge you other organizations to send in yours as soon as possible as we are about ready to begin this work.

Rooms in Boys Dormitory and Cost per Room

Room No. 1	$ 18.00
Room No. 2	18.00
Room No. 3	22.00
Room No. 4	12.00
Room No. 4, clothes room	25.00
Shower Room	30.00
Room No. 6	15.00
Room No. 7	16.00
Hall—1st floor	60.00
Room No. 21	18.00
Room No. 22	18.00
Room No. 23	20.00
Bath Room	12.00
Room No. 24	18.00
Room No. 25	18.00
Room No. 26	15.00
Room No. 27	18.00
Room No. 28	18.00
Hall—2nd floor	50.00
Outside of boys Dormitory	140.00

Will you pledge for yourself or organization one or more rooms? If so, please write to the office the room number and we will assign that room for you.

Watch for girls room Number and amount of cost per room in next week's issue of the Baptist.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CAPE FEAR UNION

The Quarterly Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session with the church at Powhatan, Johnston County, May 29, 1943.

TO: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County:

We wish to go on record as indorsing your recent action with respect to the nonsale of Beer and Wine in Johnston County on Sunday, realizing that this is a very commendable and praiseworthy act on the part of said Board. We wish to suggest that the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County look immediately into the possibility of prohibiting the sale of beer and wine the other six days of the week in this good county, hoping that other counties in North Carolina will follow like example set by this Honorable Board, until every county in this State and Nation will be free from the curse of the sale of Legalized liquor and thereby help the Christian Church to lead the people back to God.

We wish that a copy of this action be sent to The Smithfield Herald of Johnston County for publication; a copy to The Free Will Baptist Press; and a copy to be kept for our files and records.

The above was unanimously passed by vote of the above-named organization.

Rev. C. H. Coates, Moderator
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary
Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Comm.

THOSE HIDDEN THINGS

Have you thought of God's hidden ones,
Those saints behind the scenes?
Have you ever stopped to consider
What their intercession means?

Their names are never mentioned,
They are humble quiet folk;
They know what it is to be lonely,
And to feel adversity's stooke.

They suffer the loss of all things,
Yet their loss means eternal gain,
For they minister through prayer
Often from their beds of pain.

In looking through the Bible
I find many thus hidden away,
Remember the man who had the colt.
Waiting for Jesus that day?

Someone had the Passover Chamber
All furnished and prepared.
Where Jesus and His disciples
Those precious emblems shared.

These hidden ones walked close to God,
And they obeyed His voice;
They did not need to understand
The wherefore of his choice.

We do not even have their names,
But isn't it sweet to know
God has His Johns and His Marys,
Through whom His blessings can flow?

Are you laid on a bed of sickness?
Are you shut up within four walls?
He has placed you there for a purpose
There's a plan for you in it all.

—Selected
By Mrs. Ruth Kennedy

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Thursday, July 15, New Bethlehem, Pamlico County.

Friday, July 16, Arapahoe, Pamlico County.

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REVIVAL AT WEST GASTONIA

The revival meeting at our church on Washington Street, West Gastonia, North Carolina, was concluded with fine results. We really had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday afternoon we baptized five adults, and the presence of God was with us at the baptismal services.

Rev. Lottie Davis, one of our local elders, did the preaching, and he certainly did preach the gospel with power, and God gave the increase. As pastor of this church, I have witnessed one year of almost constant growth. We have received additions to the membership throughout the year.

Our Sunday School has grown from about 18 members to 120, and from $6.00 offering to as high as $130. The church pays the pastor $1,040.00 per year, and has put about one thousand dollars in the building fund this year, in spite of the fact that our people here in Gastonia have never been trained to support our denominational program. But I am trying to get them more interested in both the State and the National Program.

Any representative of any phase of our work may come and speak to our church people by giving me their date about two weeks in advance. The Beaver Creek Association will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in August at Grover, South Carolina.

Sherman H. Oaks,
Kings Mountain, N. C.

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Unshrinking Faith

O for a faith that will not shrink,
  Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
  Of any earthly woe.

That will not murmur or complain,
  Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
  Will lean upon its God.

A faith that shines more bright and clear
  When tempests rage without;
And when in danger knows no fear,
  In darkness feels no doubt.

Lord, give us such a faith as this,
  And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss
  Of an eternal home.

—W. H. Balhurst

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MAN'S MORTALITY

Like as the damask rose you see,
Or like the blossom on the tree,
Or like the dainty flower in May,
Or like the morning of the day,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the ground which Jonas had,
E'en such is man; whose thread is spun,
Drawn out, and cut, and so is done.
The rose withers; the blossom blasteth;
The flower fades; the morning hasteth;
The sun sets; the shadow flies;
The ground consumes; and man he dies!

Like as the grass that's newly sprung,
Or like a tale that's new begun,
Or like the bird that's here to-day,
Or like the pearled dew of May,
Or like an hour, or like a span,
Or like the singing of a swan,
E'en such is man, who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death,
The grass withers; the tale is ended;
The bird is flown; the dew's ascended;
The hour is short; the span is long;
The swan's near death; man's life is done!

—Simon Wastel

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

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EDITORIAL

THE FIRST APOSTOLIC MIRACLE

(Ac. 3: 1-8)

In most cases in which John is mentioned in Acts, the Apostle Peter is mentioned along with him. It is to be remembered also that they were natives of the same town, learned the same trade, and became partners in business when they were grown.

The Place of the Miracle

Verse one tells us that Peter and John were going to the Temple for prayer, "being the ninth hour." According to J. R. Lumby, "at such a time the ninth hour would be at half past four" in the afternoon. May we note that Peter and John had not broken their customary habit of going up to the Temple for the afternoon service, though many of the Jews hated Christ's followers. On this particular occasion, it was not more than two or three weeks following the day of Pentecost when the apostles were accosted by a lame man sitting at the Beautiful gate, begging alms of those who were going into the Temple.

The Lame Man

This lame man had been an invalid all his life. He had never been able to walk, nor to earn his living by labor. He was a beggar. His people took him to the Temple, where the people were accustomed to go for services, that he might receive "alms of them that entered into the Temple." One commentator says, "The blind and the cripple, the halt and the maimed, are sure to be found where they can best excite the pity of pious people." Those who fear God and seek to keep his commandments are more prone to share their material blessings with poor and unfortunate souls than are other people.

"Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us." See that we do not appear as men of means, nor do we have gold and silver in our pockets to give you. We have very little of this world's goods. We are ministers of the Gospel of Christ. We will gladly give unto you such blessing as is ours to offer. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Put your faith in the One whom we are following and trust in his power to heal your lame body. This healing was done in the name of Jesus, the ascended Lord, and not in the name of either Peter or John. It was not their power, but Christ "sent his word, and healed him" (Ps. 107: 20). "The healing grace is given by the word of Christ; this is the vehicle of the healing virtue derived from Christ."—Matthew Henry.

While Christ wrought cures by himself, his disciples spoke them in his name. Peter had faith the cure would be done in the power and name of Jesus. The one request which he made was for the lame man to show his willingness to be healed by trying to stand and walk. By taking the cripple by his hand, it showed unto him Peter's interest in seeing him being made well and strong. God's messengers of light are to be zealous laborers for the salvation of the lost. When God commands anyone by his word to rise and walk, if he will mix faith with that word, and lay his soul under the influence of it, he will then give his Spirit unto him and raise him up, both from his bed of afflictions, and from the bondage of sin.

The Effects of the Miracle

"And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, ... and praising God." Great joy came to his heart for the wonderful cure. He gave God the praise, for he shouted forth words of praise for the gift of healing which had been granted unto his lame body through the ministry of Peter and John. He went into the Temple where prayer was to be made, and where the people were assembled for worship. Many were amazed and led to believe on Jesus the Christ when they understood how the crippled man was healed, (Ac. 4: 4). Others, however, not only would not believe, but apprehended Peter and John for preaching in the name of Jesus, and cast them in prison for trial on the next day by the Sanhedrin. Satan's servants are always ready to oppose the good work of the Lord.

CHANGE OF PASTORS

The Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, has called the Reverend R. P. Sawyers as pastor for the coming year. Rev. L. D. Gray, the former pastor, was called to Mable Avenue Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Our Sunday School is doing fine work now, and six Sunday School rooms of our church are almost completed. We have seven classes, and are using our Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature. Mr. Willis Davis is our Sunday School Superintendent.

G. P. Shepherd

"LET US DRAW NEAR"

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10: 22.)

If we will simply yield ourselves to God, He will forgive us our sins, and make us to be faithful and true. Please pray for me that I may be able to overcome day by day the Evil One. I do enjoy to hear from the dear Christian people, and I am still looking forward to hear from many of you good people.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. John Rhodes,

Sanatorium, N. C

"Back to God"

By R. C. Baggette

It is astonishing when we stop to think of the fact that of the total population of this world there is only about one-third of the people, or, about one out of each three people who know anything about God. But, what is more astonishing is the fact that of the one hundred and thirty millions of people in these United States of America there are only about one-half of them who are associated with any type of religion. This includes the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant religion. That is to say that only half of our people here in a country of free religion, by their action, believe in God.

The above figures are National and Inter-national, but how about your State and my State, your County and my County, your Community and my Community? According to the above ratio there are only about one-half of them connected with any religion. These figures do not disclose the number of Christians, followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These we can only classify by their fruits. "By their fruits ye shall know them," therefore, we find that there are only about twelve out of every hundred church members who profess to be Christians. This means that a church with a membership of 100 is held together and kept going by about twelve Christian people, while the other 88 are only pretenders or, as they are classified by the Bible, they are hypocrites, pretending to be that which they are not.

These figures are startling when we stop to think them over, yet, when we see the number of men and women in attendance at Sunday School and church, we are forced to believe that they are somewhere about correct.

It has been my recent privilege to attend services at several churches and at each there were approximately 15 per cent of the membership in attendance. Where were those who made up the other 85 per cent? Some were at home passing the time away, some at the lake or creek fishing, some visiting thereby keeping others from church, some joy-riding, some working, and others doing various other worldly things of their choice. These same men and women, the ones whose pews in their church were vacant, at some time in the past, stood at the Sacred Altar of their church and, by their action, promised God in the presence of man, that they would forsake the world and sin and, by the help of God, they would walk in newness of life, follow Jesus and keep His Commandments, but for some unknown reason they now show by their actions that they have forgotten their promises to God and have drifted back into the world and sin.

When we realize that the above conditions are true, is there any wonder as to why we find ourselves involved in the greatest world conflict in the history of our land? Should we be surprised at any calamity or punishment which may be meted out to us? In Prov. 13: 15, we read: "But the way of the transgressors is hard." Now listen to Malachi 3: 7, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them.—"Return UNTO ME and I will RETURN UNTO YOU saith the Lord of hosts." What a great promise we have in this passage if, only, we will "RETURN UNTO GOD."

It seems to me that the greatest responsibility of the Christian Ministry and Laity, at the present time, is the Christianization of the non-Christian members of their respective churches. That is, we should go out into the highways, by-ways, and hedges pleading with and persuading them to return to His Fold. I feel quite sure that God holds us accountable for those who have gone astray, unless, we have done our uttermost toward bringing them back to him. Jesus said to Peter; Luke 22: 32, "And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Was he not also speaking to you and to me and, have we not failed miserably in the discharge of this duty? Then, isn't it about time that we begin doing something about the matter?

I should like to see our denomination take the initiative in a "BACK TO GOD" movement. A crusade to recover from the world and the Devil the lost souls, who once were our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. A movement with so much power and momentum that it will sweep the country like a tidal wave spreading its influence into every community and church in the land causing men and women to realize that "to-day is the day of salvation." Of course, the results of such a movement will depend upon the Faith, Prayers, Courage and relentless personal work done by both the Ministry and Laity.

It is my sincere conviction that, when church members live such lives as will cause the world to "take knowledge of them, that they have been with Jesus," the non-church member will be more easily brought into the Fold, and will not remain satisfied out of Christ, consoling himself with the excuse, "I am as good or better than the man who is in the church, so why should I become a member?" In Romans 12: 1, Paul gives the church member a standard by which he should live: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." When we, as Church members, live a life of "REASONABLE SERVICE," we will no longer have to worry about our Pastor, Missionary, Orphanage, Church School, or any part of the church program being amply supported.

This might be a matter worthy of the consideration of our National Convention when it convenes in July.

May all who read this article give it their serious and prayerful consideration is my prayer.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

I am sure a lot of Bible readers have read the price that was set on Jesus by Judas and the chief priests, in Matthew 26: 15. It says, "30 pieces of silver." Now if we have a Bible with a table of money and weights, we can figure it out for ourselves. I guess there are many who don't have such a Bible, so I will give you the price they set on Jesus in dollars and cents of United States money, as the value was compared with the money of that age. We have a ten cent piece of silver, a twenty-five cent piece, a fifty cent piece, a hundred cent piece, or silver dollar. That makes four different valued pieces of silver we have.

It appears that the silver money of that day and country were only made in two denominations or values: one was known as drachma, which equals 14 cents in our U. S. Money. So, thirty drachmas would equal thirty times 14 cents, or a total of $4.20. Then if we figure from their piece of money called argurion which equals 56 cents or 4 times the drachma we find thirty argurions equals $16.80 of our U. S. money. Now, I don't know which money they paid Judas, but as I said above, if it was drachmas, it was only $4.20 which was a very low price to set on the priceless Lamb of God; and, if it was argurion silver they paid Judas, then he received $16.80, which would sound more reasonable, as we find in Matthew 27: 7 that the money Judas took back to the chief priests was used to buy burying ground for strangers, or poor people who were unable to buy a burial plot.

Now, before any one censures Judas too hard for the low price he set on Jesus, let's stop and see if there is not a lot of our (so called) Christian Americans who are setting just as low a price on Jesus as Judas did, and I don't know but that the price is lower some times than what Judas received. Doesn't the Scripture say somewhere that those who once professed to have religion, or to follow Christ and then turned back to their sinful ways had crucified Christ afresh, and put Him to an open shame? Aren't they about as guilty as Judas? I think they are.—Amen.

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I wonder how many of the readers of Jots and Dots have gotten the idea that the first National Thanksgiving service started with the Pilgrims after they landed and raised a good crop in the United States? By reading some of the laws and commands that Moses gave the children of Israel, we will find that a lot of our laws and customs are very similar to the laws and customs of the Israelites. Let us read Exodus 23: 16, and we will find that they kept a feast of Thanksgiving after they had harvested their crops. So, instead of us beginning a new custom, we merely picked up one that had been laid down by the Jews after they were no longer able to keep the feast by reason of them being scattered all over the earth and having no Government of their own.

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Speaking of customs of the Jews resembling some of our customs, we read in Exodus 24: 9 that there were seventy Elders connected with the worship of the Tabernacle services when Aaron was high priest. Then, we find in Luke 10: 1 that Christ appointed seventy Apostles to proclaim his Salvation. These seventy Apostles were in type to represent the 70 Elders of the Jewish church of Moses' time. Now, for another type that Christ used so His church would resemble the customs that the Jews were familiar with, we will read Mark 6: 7 where Christ appointed and commissioned twelve apostles. Did some one ask, what the 12 apostles represented? We remember that Jacob, whose name was later changed to Israel, had twelve sons. From these twelve sons sprang the twelve tribes of Israel. So, Christ chose an apostle to represent each tribe. I am sure most all of the readers, who have passed the teen age already, understand all of the things I have written about, but there are a lot of children who are reading the F. W. B. paper, and these jots and dots this week are dedicated to the children. Amen.

REGENERATION BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

"And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived" (Num. 21: 9). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 14, 15).

We find that this brazen serpent was one of the clearest types of Christ which is recorded in the scriptures. The brass being an alloy of zinc and copper is not one metal, but two, therefore, it is represented as God-man and the Man-God (Christ). In the context Nicodemus, being a literal teacher of the Jewish law, did not question the MUST of the Spiritual Birth. His question was how to obtain salvation. God's types must typify, or be typical of the real character.

The New Birth is not wrought in a person who looks to many things for salvation, but to the one who is the Saviour of men. The one who looks upon Christ and who trusts in Him, the true Son of God, will be saved. He was crucified for the sins of the world. When the bitter Israelites looked at the serpent of brass, God healed their sinsick souls, and the record says that everyone who looked lived.

Now that Christ has been lifted up on Calvary's Cross, those who look on Him, through faith, shall live. Everyone who has looked upon Jesus and been born again should help to spread the Gospel unto others. The last words that Jesus uttered to his disciples before the cloud received Him out of their sight, were, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." No person has a right to declare that the Lord Jesus Christ is alive forevermore except those who have plunged into the fountain of His all cleansing grace, and been made alive unto God, by the blood of Christ having been applied to the heart and the inner life so blessed.

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

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THE INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS

By Mrs. Clyde Spruell
Vanceboro, N. C.

(This message was delivered at the S. S. Convention at Macedonia Church)

God did permit the care and early training of His only begotten Son to an earthly woman, Mary, the mother of Jesus. The influence of her tender care and faithful instructions. The child grew and waxed strong in the spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

One of the greatest needs of the world today is the need of more Christian Mothers. A Christian mother can deeply implant and faithfully cherish the seeds of truth in the young and tender hearts. More even than the fathers, the mothers mold the life, character, and destiny of man. Every stage of life is touched and influenced by her. Infancy, childhood, youth, manhood, and old age alike center in her. She is both the morning and the evening star of life, the angel of the home.

We often hear the saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." This agrees with the saying of the wise man, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Prov. 22: 6. No position in life is superior to that of the mother, and no influence more potent for good or evil.

Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother." "A kiss from my mother made me a painter," said Benjamine West. Declared D. L. Moody, "All that I have ever accomplished in life I owe to my mother." "My mother was the making of me," declared the noted inventor, Thomas A. Edison.

No father or mother knows the future of the little child prattling about the home circle. "God knows," as he did in the cases of Moses, Esther, and Timothy. Whether it is his purpose for some of our children to rule the world as did Joseph and Daniel, virtually as prime ministers, or for some of them to serve and suffer for the name of Christ as did Peter and Paul, it is our sacred privilege to teach the children faithfully and diligently during their tender years.

Who is responsible for the disobedience to parents of the present generation? Never before was it so comcon or so wide-spread. The root of evil, however, lies not so much in the child as in the parents. Many of the latter are disobedient to God their Father in Heaven, and some have failed to bring up their children in the fear of God, and in the ways of righteousness. Bible instruction, lessons of faith and prayer must not be neglected in the home if we would have obedient, God-fearing children growing up in the world.

Children who are allowed to come up to manhood or womanhood with the will undisciplined and the passion uncontrolled, will generally in after life pursue a course which God condemns. The neglect of parents to properly discipline their children has been a fruitful source of evil in many families. The youth has not been restrained as it should have been. Parents have neglected to follow the directions of the word of God in this matter, and the children have taken the reins of government into their own hands. The consequences has been that they have generally succeeded in ruling their parents, instead of being under their authority.

False ideas and a foolish, mis-directed affection have nurtured traits which have made children unlovely and unhappy; have embittered the lives of the parents, and have extended their baleful influence from generation to generation. Any child that is permitted to have his own way will dishonor God and bring his father and mother to shame. It is said that the three sweetest words in any language are, mother, home and heaven. A Christian mother is the holiest thing on earth.

Mothers, if you are not Christians, I plead with you; do not delay in giving your heart to God. Give your children a Christian mother, a happy home. And may their eternal gain be Heaven.

NOTICE CAMPERS!

There will be a camp this year beginning August 1 through August 7 sponsored by the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, N. C. Camp will be held at Camp Leach. Total cost is $8.00, $2.00 of which will be Registration Fee.

The following is a suggested application blank if you do not already have one. Use this one or letter and mail your letters to Mr. Dannie Baldwin, 106 S. Holman St., Durham, N. C.

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Free Will Baptist Camp

I wish to make application to the Free Will Baptist Camp at Camp Leach August 1-7. I am enclosing $2.00 Registration Fee.

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P. S.—Send in your application with the two dollars as soon as you possibly can that we may know how to provide for each Camper.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP

Free Will Baptist Young People's Camp—at Camp Leach—will be held August 1st. through 7th. 1943.

Rev. Bob Woolley, Evangelist for the camp.
Director, Rev. R. B. Spencer, Ayden, N. C.
Assistant Director and Supply Mgr. Rev. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.
Nurse, Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Swanannoa, N. C.
Life Guard, Dewey Guest, Morning Glory Ave., Durham, N. C.

Recreational Director, Dannie Baldwin, 106 S. Holman St., Durham, N. C.

Sunday School, Rev. R. P. Harris, Route 1, Enfield, N. C.

Junior Dept. Director, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Music Teacher, Dr Leonard Earl Harris, 4330 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Bible Teacher, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C.

League Instructor, Albert Harris, Route 1, Enfield, N. C.

Dietitian and cooks will be supplied by the committee.

Committee:
James A. Evans,
Dannie Balwin,
C. T. Adams

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ATTENTION LEAGUERS!

All leaguers who are planning to attend Camp Leach, during Camp week, August 1 through 7, are re-requested to take with them **The Red and Blue Ration Stamps** out of their **Ration Books** so that the Supply Manager, Rev. James A. Evans, can collect them for the purchase of foods at the Camp. The Ration Board will allow us enough additional coupons, if needed, to meet the needs for foods while at Camp that week.

Each leaguer is expected to take with him or her the necessary bed linens, bathing suit, bath robe, and other personal equipment which shall be desired by the individual camper. Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and Adult leaguers, and Sunday School students are elligible to attend the camp. Each person who expects to attend Camp Leach during August 1 through 7 must arrange his or her own means of travel to and from Camp. Should any take the bus to Washington, North Carolina, and desire to be met there, and taken out to the Camp, they must notify in advance the Camp Director, and state when they are expected to arrive in Washington on the bus. All Campers are requested to arrive at Camp on Sunday afternoon August 1, by five or six o'clock, and to take lunch with them, this is requested because of the fact that the dietitian will not prepare supper for the campers that evening.

Camp Leach is located about twelve miles east of Washington on the north side of Pamlico River. Campers can reach Camp by following highway from Washington to Bath, for about twelve miles until he or she comes to a sign marked in large letters CAMP LEACH, pointing southword, and then follow that dirt road for about three miles to the Camp on the river shore. Officials will be there Sunday afternoon to receive all campers.

R. B. Spencer, Director,
Ayden, North Carolina

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church held a Vacation Bible School which was sponsored by the Sunday School. It began on June 7 with 96 present. A daily average of 111 students for two weeks were in attendance. The work was divided into five classes as follows:

Kindergarten, directed by Mrs. H. H. Horton and Miss Myrtle Hardin.

First Year Primary, directed by Miss R. V. Smith, Miss Nonia Russell.

Second Year Primary, directed by Mrs. Gracie Long, Miss Lonia Russell.

Juniors, directed by Mrs. Ester Carter, Mr. C. B. Hopkins.

Intermediates, directed by Mrs. Addie McGill, Mr. Jess Hord.

Pianist, Mrs. Luther Shepherd, and assisted by Gleen Carter and Welton Shepherd.

Chorister, Rev. W. B. Carter.

Splendid work was done by each class, and contests were held in the Intermediates, Juniors, and Second Year Primary classes with a Bible being given to the ones reciting the most Scripture, and telling where it was found.

Rev. W. B. Carter, Mr. C. B. Hopkins acted as judges of the contest. The following are the records: Fay Sellers, 74 verses, Intermediate; Aleen Sellers 47 verses, Junior; Carlyon Bryant, 3 verses, Second Year Primary, were the ones who received the Bibles.

The school closed on Friday with a picnic at the church. Each class took part in the closing exercises. The Intermediate class was asked to have theirs over on Sunday night. Their exercises were as follows: Song, "America the Beautiful"; a Flash Drill; the class recited the Ten Commandments; and the class reciting the books of the Old and New Testament.

Mrs. Luther Shepher, Director

THE AGONIZING PRAYER

In Gethsemane's garden beneath the Olive trees
Went the Saviour alone and fell upon His knees.
"Father, if it be Thy will, oh take this cup from me,
Thy will be done, not mine," He cried in agony.

There the only Son of God in bitter agony
Knew His hour had come to die on dark Mount Calvary.
Heart-broken, full of grief, what pain He had to bear!
Sad and lonely, there He prayed the agonizing prayer.

Venie M. Carney,
Durham, N. C.

Remember

"The finest fruit the earth holds up to its Master is a man." To ripen, lift and educate a man is the first duty. Trade, law, learning, science and religion are only the scaffolding wherewith to build a man.—Wendell Phillips.

Some churches make progress by certain of their members putting forth efforts to do things for the glory of God, while some others sit idle waiting for the pastor to do everything, and then criticize him for doing anything.—The Chronicler.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

In Order to Teach or Preach

The one who teaches or preaches the Word of God must be "born of the Spirit" and filled with the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit. A person may be able to entertain very interestingly in messages on politics, science, drama, even talks about agriculture and domestic life, but when it comes to teaching the Bible or preaching the GOSPEL of Jesus the unsaved and non-Spirit-filled soul is in the dark, and darkness cannot send forth light.

The natural man cannot know the works of the Spirit. All that the natural man can teach effectively is pertaining to the natural things. Paul says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2: 14). Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind both fall into the ditch." A person who knows not the Holy Spirit is blind spiritually speaking. It is sad to see those, who have no relationship with the Holy Spirit, trying to explain the word of God.

To Talk for God

If we ever talk for God, it is the result of talking with God. The more one talks with God the better prepared he is to talk for God. Only the BORN-AGAIN — CHILD OF GOD can talk with God. Our life must be yielded unto God through Christ before we are in a position to talk for God. We cannot get near enough to touch a single grace that God has provided for man's good, except through Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by Me." No angel can open the way. Mary, the mother of Jesus, could not make a way. One person is as helpless as another. The only being in heaven that has power to place us where we can reach the Father is the Lord Jesus Christ. When we have reached God, the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, we must talk to God by the Holy Spirit. We must worship God through the Spirit. "They that worship God must worship Him in spirit and truth." The person who claims that there is no Holy Spirit, denies the word of God. Then, how can one please God when that person denies the word of God. The person who denies that there is a Holy Spirit has no way of talking to God. Jesus said, "If I go away I will send the Holy Spirit." "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14: 26 R. V.). We should never try to talk for God until we believe the whole message as given to us by the Father and His Son through the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity

There are doctrines in the world that deny that there is a Godhead consisting of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. But the Bible teaches that there are "Three persons in one." Let us see what John says about the Three. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (I John 5: 7). Then John writes, "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: For this is the witness of God which he hath testified of His Son." . . . "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son" (I John 5: 9, 10). Notice that John says that there are "THREE" and that "They bear record in heaven." Then notice that John says, that if we believe not this record we make God a liar. So whosoever denies that God is "Three in one" denies the word of God and makes "God to be a liar."

When Jesus was baptized in the river of Jordan by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost to use the King James version) came upon Him in the form of a dove and God spake from heaven. Notice, Jesus being baptized, the Holy Spirit resting upon Him in the shape of a DOVE, and God speaking from the heavens make THREE. What a SIN to deny that there are THREE THAT BEAR RECORD IN HEAVEN. "Now when all the people (that is the people who were being baptized by John on this particular occasion) were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son: in thee I am well pleased" (Luke 3: 21, 22). Yes, the Bible plainly teaches that, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit make the GODHEAD BODILY or THE HOLY TRINITY.

The Sending of the Holy Spirit

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you" (John 16: 7). We notice that Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit in the personal sense. He used the pronoun "him" in this verse. Then in the 8th verse Christ used the pronoun "he." Christ would not have used pronouns in speaking of an "influence," as many try to make us believe that the "HOLY SPIRIT IS AN INFLUENCE."

Also in John 14: 26 Jesus uses the pronouns "whom" and "him" in speaking of the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit, as you prefer to call Him. We are not to accept any doctrine that denies the WORD OF GOD. Any doctrine that denies the HOLY TRINITY denies the Bible and makes God's word to be false.

When Jesus went back to the Father and took his seat at the right hand of God, the Holy Spirit came upon the church and the whole body of believers received Him, as the Lord Jesus had promised, and therefore every one who has been brought to the knowledge of eternal salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has the witness of the Third Person of the Godhead. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our

spirit, that we are children of God" (Rom. 8: 16 R. V.). An influence could not bear witness with our spirit. Neither could an influence teach us what to say when praying. Let us go further in this chapter. "And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity; for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom. 8: 26). How dead our prayers are when they are not empowered by the Holy Spirit. What abomination prayer is when uttered by hypocrits who are not in fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law. Even his prayer is abomination" (Prov. 28: 9 R. V.).

We can only talk to God as the Holy Spirit motivates our thinking. So, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to talk with God. And we must be filled with the Holy Spirit to talk for God. No worship without the Holy Spirit indwells the life. Don't let the Devil fool you and make you believe that any kind of an old life can commune with God. Only the Spirit-filled life has communion with God.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
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CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

Leeds, Alabama

Monday morning, June 7, 1943, marked the opening session of the C. W. I. with the Belview Free Will Baptist Church in Leeds, Alabama. The Institute Committee, which had been chosen by the Alabama State Convention to plan and prepare for this session, had done its work well and everything was in readiness for action when Mrs. Dodd and I arrived on the scene.

Rev. Wm. H. Ryland, the host pastor, met us at the railroad station, and escorted us to the church where some 8 or 10 young people were waiting for us. Monday was spent in getting organized, and on Tuesday the class sessions got underway.

Courses were offered in Bible Doctrine, History of Missions, Personal Evangelism, F. W. B. League and Sunday School Administration. I taught the three courses mentioned first, and Mrs. Dodd was in charge of the other two. A number of younger children were enrolled, and for their benefit a Vacation Bible School class was organized and Mrs. Dodd was put in charge of the activities of this group. They did some real practical Bible work, and everyone of them learned some valuable truths.

Three states were represented in the student body. From Tennessee, four were enrolled: Joyce Lee, Jean Williams, Elizabeth Scribner and Frances Graham. One Kentuckian, Virginia Jackson, and five Alabamians: Vandell Mitchell, Hazel Cook, W. H. Ryland, K. V. Shutes and Ophelia McLaughlin, completed the Institute roll.

Everyone of the ten completed the prescribed work and received a certificate. The examination of 96 plus average was the highest made in any Institute yet held.

A revival meeting was conducted in conjunction with the Institute which resulted in the salvation of 19 souls and a great awakening among the church membership in general. The great revival fires were left burning and the pastor and people were very much enthused and encouraged. All in all, this session at Leeds proved to be highly successful and eternity alone will reveal its full accomplishments.

Following are some statements by the students as to how the Institute has helped them:

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Pastor of Leeds Church,
"This C. W. I. has been instrumental in increasing my faith in the Lord to a degree sufficient to cause me to cut loose from every weight and to exert every effort in serving Him. It has further helped me to appreciate my denomination more than ever."

Joyce Lee, Columbia, Tenn.
"I think that the C. W. I. is the best place ever to spend one's vacation. Two weeks could not be more profitably spent."

Virginia Jackson, Guthrie, Ky.
"Those who have never attended a C. W. I. cannot realize what a blessing they have missed."

Jean Williams, Columbia, Tenn.
"After spending two weeks in the C. W. I. I am more determined than ever to live a good Christian life."

Frances Graham, Adams, Tenn.
"One of the greatest blessings of my life has been the training received in the C. W. I. at Leeds, Ala."

Elizabeth Scribner, Columbia, Tenn.
"I am going back home from the C. W. I. knowing in my heart that I can be a better worker for my Lord."

Hazel Cook, Cordova, Ala.
"Words cannot express how much this Institute has helped and inspired me and I shall go out from here better prepared to serve."

Vandell Mitchell, Cordova, Ala.
"I am going away from this Institute a more efficient worker and a more consecrated Christian than ever."

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Pastor, Cordova, Ala.
"The C. W. I. is the greatest move ever inaugurated by the National Association. It will make deep impressions for a church laity that will demand greater things of the ministry."

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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AUXILIARY REPORT

This is the minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth Union district which was held on May 30, 1943, at Ottis Creek Church in Edgecombe County. The eleven o'clock devotions were led by the vice-president, Rev. P. C. Wiggs, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Dail. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. C. W. Owens, and the response was by Rev. M. E. Tyson. The sermon was preached by Brother Tyson. He used as his scripture lesson the 46th Psalm. After the sermon the congregation sang a song and an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $12.05. The following committees were appointed: Finance, Banner, Nominating and the Program Committee. We were then dismissed for lunch by Mr. William Webb.

The devotions for the afternoon session were led by Mrs. C. H. Abrams who used songs 106 and 206. She then read as the scripture lesson the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes, and prayer was offered by Rev. Levi Humbles. We then recognized those who were present: W. A. Dail, Levi Humbles, J. C. Varnell, L. B. Manning, M. E. Tyson. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The business of the convention was then entered into and, there being no old business, we entered into the new. Mrs. Paul Thigpen spoke to us concerning our obligation in furnishing a bedroom at the school in Nashville, Tennessee. She told us that it would cost each Aid Society about the amount of $2.50. The various committees then made their reports. The Banner Committee voted for the banner to go to Little Creek Church, Virginia. The Sunday School banner went to Saratoga. The year's work being finished, we were offered the following as officers for the new year: Mrs. A. L. Summerlin, President; Rev. L. B. Manning, Vice-President; Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary, Fountain, N. C.; Mrs. E. E. Harrelle, Treasurer, Macclesfield, N. C.

Antioch L. A. S. will entertain the Auxiliary next time at Friendship Church. We were dismissed in a word of prayer by Rev. W. A. Dail.

Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secy.

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JOHNSON UNION AID REPORT

(April, May, June)

Our Aid met each Friday in April, May and June. We studied for our lesson the Book of Acts from the 12th chapter through the 24th. Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Lancaster, has been with us at most of our meetings and given us several good talks.

Membership Activities

Members on Roll	20
Average Attendance	12
Chapters read in Bible	735
Sick Visits made	147
Convalescence Cards sent to sick	10
Milk Given (qts.)	176
Butter given (lbs.)	16 1-2

Financial Statement

Dues collected	$11.53
Birthday dues	.75
Brought over from previous three months	$15.45

Paid Out

Sick Benefit	$ 1.00
Used locally	4.05
Sent to Auxiliary	5.00
Amount raised to send to Bible School	10.90

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secy.

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NOTICE

As Fourth Vice-President of the Central District Auxiliary Convention, I wish to urge all Stewardship presidents to keep before their local auxiliaries my plan of work. See that these things are carried out. First: distribution of tracts. Second: Conduct at least one study course on Stewardship. Third: Sponsor a program in your auxiliary or in the church on Stewardship, taking an offering to be used for buying tracts and Christian literature. Send same to me as your District Stewardship President.

Yours for service,

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs,

Ayden, N. C.

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DEEP RUN AID REPORT

The society met at the church on June 17th. The devotion was led by Miss Lottie Smith and song by the members. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Activities of the Aid

12 members present

dues $4.40

Chapters read in the Bible	197
Sick visits made	21
Milk given away	97
Butter given away (lbs.)	3
Paid to Chest	$1.00
Paid for Penny-a-Day	$1.00

Mrs. Whiford Hill will lead the devotions for July.

The society was dismissed by the president, Mrs. Elton Harper, and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Roy Hill and Mrs. Penny Williams.

Miss Lottie Smith, Secy.

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MISSION CIRCLES MAKE REPORT

The Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle, and the W. L. Jernigan Circle of the Saint Paul's Free Will Baptist Church met at the church in a joint monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by the members present singing a hymn, and the scripture was read by Mrs. J. F. Wallace from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. W. Copeland. The program was given from the

Book of Programs. The subject was "Carrying out the Great Commission in Cuba." Those taking part on the program were Mrs. J. W. Copeland, Mrs. H. O. Fowler, Mrs. W. A. Hales, and Mrs. Roy Hilley. Mrs. Seldon Bundy and Miss Sarah Ellen Toler rendered a duet entitled "Ready."

A report was given from both circles on the amount which was raised during the month of June for Christian education, which was $36.50. There were ten members present and five visitors. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by Mrs. J. F. Wallace.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler, Secretary

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UNION CHAPEL AID REPORT

(Washington County)

The regular monthly meeting of our Ladies' Aid Society was held in the home of Mrs. C. S. Spruill, Thursday night, June 17. In the absence of our president, Mrs. Maude Harrison, our first vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Bowen presided over the meeting. The meeting was opened with song service and prayer.

I Cor. 2 was read by one of the members. Our lesson was: "Teaching—An Important Part of the Great Commission," which are, "Dangers Along the Road of Knowledge, Our Task Today and Delays Are Costly."

During the business session the roll was called and $1.40 dues collected. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Reports taken were as follows:

Chapters read in the Bible	133
Sick visits made	10
Trays carried	26
Milk given	115 qts.
Flowers	14
Garments given	3

We were invited to meet with Mrs. C. W. Bowen in July. We sang a song and repeated the Mizpah benediction, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Olive Davenport,
Secretary and Treasurer

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. G. C. VAUSE
(My Mother)

Heaven Seems Fairer

Heaven seems fairer since Mother has gone
To dwell with the angels above;
God had a place that couldn't be filled
By no other than the Mother we love.

He reached down one morn with kind loving hands,
And took her away with Him;
Where she is free from the pain she felt,
To enjoy the peace of God's heavenly realm.

Why do I know God came himself,
And bore Mother to that happy land?
By her last words: "Hurry, Lord and take me,"
As she held out her sweet loving hands.

I know heaven's fairer since Mother is there,
To join in the angel band;
For her voice was so sweet as she sang
God's praise in this unfruitful land.

I know there was rejoicing in heaven that day,
By her seven little angels so fair;
They who had preceded Mother years ago
Were so very happy to see her there.

I think they must have met her at the Pearly White gate,
And said to her, "Dear Mother, come in";
We're so happy to see each member of the family
As they enter the mansions within.

As she passed through the gate, she placed,
I know she placed a kiss on each little brow;
And said to them: "Mother has come to be
With you for ever and ever now."

Now, don't I know they're so happy,
No heartaches, no pain nor care;
And some of these days, it won't be long,
I'm hoping we can all be there.

We want to dwell in that mansion
That God has prepared for His own;
Yes, there to sing His praises evermore
Around that great White Throne.

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. N. C. Gibbons

HARPER. This is written in memory of my dear Father, Jasper Alexander Harper, who departed this life on July 19, 1941, at the age of eighty-four.

Before our eyes, you slowly faded,
Growing each moment weak and frail;
But you bore your suffering bravely
Without murmur, moan or wail.

Some day we hope to meet you,
When the trials of life are fled;
Inside the pearly gates of heaven
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Eric Lee

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HALL. Mr. Herman Hall, age 41, died on June 27, 1943. We shall always remember that bright and cloudless morning when Jesus sent his death angel into the home of Mrs. Belle Hall and took her loving husband. He was only sick two days, having undergone an operation. Then he suffered a heart attack, later causing his death.

The community in which he lived has lost one of its best and noblest friends. His going has cast a shadow in our midst, but God saw fit to take him to his eternal Home on high where there will be no more pain or sorrow.

He was a devoted husband and father in his home, and a friend to all who knew him.

In the tomb he's sleeping
With flowers o'er his head;
In our hearts we're weeping
For our precious dead.

Oh, the hours are lonely,
And the nights are bare;
For our loved one is parted
From his family so dear.

We loved him, oh so dearly,
For he was kind and good;
But why he had to leave us
We have not understood.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard to speak
Touching words for his part.

We must forever part from this life
But we do hope to meet o'er there;
And dwell forever in glory
With the angels so fair.

We wish to meet dearest husband
Who lies in his peaceful grave;
But we must live for Jesus
And cherish His loving face.

Beyond the doubts, hopes and fears,
Beyond the cares and joys and tears;
Our loved one lies peacefully sleeping
In God's silent and eternal cares.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. Lillie Speight

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON THE COST OF DRINKING

Lesson for July 25)

Lesson: Deu. 21: 18-21; Prov. 23: 20, 21; I Cor. 6: 9-11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God"? (I Cor. 6: 9).

Sometimes we get so concerned over the doctrines of Christianity that we forget the fact that conduct is equally important! It is most essential to believe aright, but beliefs that do not affect our manner of living are shallow and unimportant indeed. The new birth is supposed to result in a change in our manner of living, for we are created anew, according to Paul, in order that we might be capable of doing "good works." God ordained this result before our conversion.

This is a good place to quote a parable from Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army: "Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepes, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villians, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, and digged more paupers' graves than any other scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world."—Selected

Unrighteous acts are acts that are injurious to mankind and displeasing to God. Those who are guilty of unrighteousness cannot inherit the kingdom of God, or claim a place in it, as long as the weight of the guilt remains unlifted. In these verses many of the evils of which the Corinthians were guilty are named. Observe the list carefully and make a comparison of them with present day vices. Drunkenness is prominent in the list.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. Practical Lessons

The Prodigal Under the Law
Deu. 21: 18-21

"The reader may with much interest contrast the solemn action of law and government in the case of the rebellious son, with the lovely and familiar parable of the prodigal son in Lu. 15. Our space does not admit of our dwelling upon it here, much as we should delight to do so. It is marvelous to think that it is the same God who speaks and acts in Deu. 21 and in Lu. 15; but oh, how different the action! how different the style! Under the law, the father is called upon to lay hold of his son and bring him forth to be stoned; under grace, the father runs to meet the returning son, falls on his neck and kisses him; clothes him in the best robe, puts a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet, has the fatted calf killed for him, seats him at the table with himself, and makes the house ring with the joy that fills his own heart at getting back the poor wandering spendthrift.

Striking contrast! In Deu. 21, we see **the hand of God,** in righteous government, executing judgment upon the rebellious; in Lu. 15, we see **the heart of God** pouring itself out, in self-subduing tenderness, upon the poor repentant one, giving him the sweet assurance that it is His own deep joy to get back His lost one. The persistent rebel meets the stone of judgment; the returning penitent meets the kiss of love."—C. H. Mackintosh, in Notes on Deuteronomy.

Drunkenness and Poverty
Proverbs 23: 20-21

Not so very long ago a street-car motorman in Chicago ran his car into the rear end of an automobile. He had taken a few drinks for chills, but denied that he was intoxicated. He did not remember that he raced his street-car non-stop all the way from Oak Park to Melrose Park. His passengers asserted that he did, and said that they were afraid of their lives. He lost his job. He was fined $100 and costs. When he said that he had to go on relief because he had lost his job, he was sent to the county jail. And that is the record of how in the days gone by a very large number of families were so poor that they did not only need Christmas baskets, but help from many of the welfare agencies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

"Hell" in Your Way

A young lady was so strongly moved under the preaching of the Gospel that she often wept. Her pastor watched her with interest, hoping to see her brought to Christ. After a time, not seeing her at church, he inquired concerning her of her mother. That lady was a widow, and she replied weeping, "Ah, sir, I fear my daughter has met with companions who are leading her sadly astray." The pastor did his best to restore the girl to right paths. His efforts were vain. She had given her heart to folly, and would no longer listen to the voice of duty. But her sinful pleasures could not guard her against the assault of death. Not many weeks elapsed before this young woman, while busy over her sewing, suddenly dropped her needle and exclaimed, "Oh, I am dying!" The inmates of the house placed her on the bed. Looking wildly about her, she said, "I see Heaven and hell before me; I can't get to Heaven, for **Hell is in the way!"** These were her last words.

V. 9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

V. 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kongdom of God.

V. 11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in to-day, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus"?
—Selected

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow,
Find us farther than to-day!"
—From Psalm of Life

(A word to **You**: Our **Advanced Quarterly** is used by S. S. teachers of other denominations. Can you tell why?)

THE ANSWER TO OUR HOPE

By J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The recurrence of war should not dash all hope, because there is an answer. Science, however, is not the answer. Science as applied to war merely enables men more skillfully to destroy each other. Commerce cannot supply the answer. Education in itself is not the answer. Highly educated nations at times have been the most militaristic. Progress and civilization are not the answer, for they do not make men unselfish. Human nature, intoxicated by greed, vengeance, and the quest for power, manufactures the incidents which cause wars. **These forces of evil** can be overcome only **by a superior force of spiritual development** that brings justice to all peoples. The answer to our hope is a speedy and decisive victory in this war and a long-lasting peace predicated upon sound Christian and Democratic principles.

Today, we should benefit from our mistakes of the past twenty years. We have allowed ourselves to become soft and compromising, making concessions to wrong when interference with our personal indulgences and pleasures would have been the price to be paid to further the principles of Democracy. Some thought that power and influence were criteria of success; others looked upon wealth as the yardstick. Few, unfortunately, have sought to measure success in terms of **Christian service.** In the turbulent days that lie ahead, however, success must take on a new meaning. It must be measured in the broad and beneficient terms of unselfish service to mankind.

Democracy finds its level in the character of its citizens. The home is the first line of defense of our Democracy. The home, in many ways, is imperiled. **In far too many homes reverence of God does not exist.** Religion and the Guidance of God are not sufficiently considered.

When the home totters, a nation weakens. Every day it is my task to review the histories of scores who obey only the laws of their own choosing. Always the one thing that stands out is **a lack of moral responsibility** and any feeling of religious conviction. This is not difficult to understand if we merely read some of the literature of writers who decry religion and argue that distance from God makes for happiness. While we fight for religious freedom, we must also fight the license sought by the atheist and those who ridicule, scoff and belittle others who would seek spiritual strength.

THE SUNSET YEARS

Old age is not likely to be radiant and peaceful unless the days of youth and middle life have been spent for God. Few of those who read these lines can do anything about the early days of their lives, for they are long since gone. But for most of us it is still not too late to redeem the remaining time,—a few months or years, or, for some, many years. What we do now will have much to do with the atmosphere of our last days. Will they be spent under the heavy clouds of bitterness or remorse, or, like the path of the just, "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"? (Prov. 4: 18.) This is not making light of the power of the blood of Christ, for nothing can wash away our sin except that; nor is it ignoring the blessed hope of His second coming. But many of us will doubtless have to pass through death; and many of those who are now nearing the gates of Heaven would confess, with deep sorrow, that they would give anything if they might live over again certain days or weeks or years, in order to spend them in the light of eternity; or if they might undo harm that has been done, or take back things that have been said. It is all a solemn warning to use what we have left for God's glory. A lovely picture of godly old age is presented by Bishop Ryle in his sketch of William Romaine. "Romaine's last illness found him still doing his Father's busine ss, and happy in his work. He lived to the great age of eighty-one, and enjoyed the full use of his faculties to the very last. During the last ten years of his life he seems to have become greatly mellowed and softened, and to have been a beautiful example of that lovely sight, a godly old man, 'a hoary head found in the way of righteousness.' He went gradually down the valley toward the river, with all the golden richness of the setting sun in summer. There appeared to be little but heaven in his sermons or in his life; and, like dying Baxter, he spoke of his future home with great familiarity, like one who had already seen it." May this be a fresh challenge to all of us,—and especially those of us who are in the Lord's service,—to be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil."—S. S. Times.

EVEN THOUGH A CRIPPLE

By W. M. Czamanske

Who makes the better progress,
Or sings the sweeter song:
The cripple on the right road,
Or the racer on the wrong?

The way of one seems lonely,
But Christ is at his side;
The other's way is crowded
With pleasure, pomp, and pride.

The one is daily striving
To reach the goal above;
The other is unmindful
Of God's redeeming love.

But better be a cripple,
And walk with God each day,
Than hasten blindly onward,
And miss the heavenly way.

Boys and Girls Corner

GEORGIE'S TEST

Georgie was on his way to school one morning when he heard a voice calling, "Georgie, Georgie!" And in response to the call he stepped into Mr. Smith's—the grocer's store.

"Georgie, you are just the boy I want," said Mr. Smith, and at this Georgie's heart gave a great bound.

"Why, perhaps here is just the chance I want for earning some money!" he joyfully thought.

"My trade has grown so," said Mr. Smith, "that I need an extra hand for a few hours each day. It won't interfere a mite with school duties. I just want you from seven to eight in the morning, and from five to six at night. My trade is the biggest then, and I'll give you two dollars a week. Would you like to come?"

"Wouldn't I though?" said George with a beaming face, as there arose before him a wonderful vision of what that two dollars a week would buy. "I'm sure Mother would let me come if it's only something I could do."

"You can do it fast enough," said Mr. Smith, "I want you to stand in the back part of the store and sell beer to the men."

Poor Georgie; His heart, which had been so light sunk like lead. Then Mr. Smith's store was a masked barroom with groceries in the front, and liquors behind the screens.

"Oh, I can't come," said Georgie manfully, "I've promised to fight against something."

"To fight against something!" said Mr. Smith; "what do you mean?"

"I've signed the pledge," said Georgie, "and I'm bound to fight beer."

"Oh, that's the way the wind blows," said Mr. Smith; "we'll easily get over that difficulty, for John can tend to the beer, and you can help me do up the bundles."

Georgie hesitated. It was a great temptation. Should he say, "Yes," or should he say, "I'll ask Mother about it." Ah, the thought of Mother settled the matter.

"Come, Georgie, I must have you," said Mr. Smith kindly. "You are just the sort of boy I want. Come, my lad, you shall have three dollars a week, and that's a big sum for a chap like you to earn. Think what a help it would be to your mother!"

"Yes," said Georgie. "I've been thinking of that, but I knew my Mother wouldn't like to have me here. No, Mr. Smith, I'm not so very big, but you haven't enough money to hire me while you sell beer. Good morning." And Georgie was half way to school before Mr. Smith recovered from his surprise.

"Mother, would you like to have me work in a place where they sell beer?" asked Georgie when he returned home.

"No, most decidedly, NO!" Mrs. Arnold earnestly replied.

"I knew you wouldn't," said Georgie triumphantly, and then he told his story.

"I hope you will always be able to decide as promptly perplexing questions of right and wrong," said the good Mother with tears in her eyes.

"Oh, I need never to be puzzled long," said this wise Georgie; "for if I only think of you, I shall know right off what to do."

—Author Unknown

Sent in by Gilliard Simmons,
Hemingway, South Carolina

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Quarterly Report for April, May and June, 1943

Balance on Hand April 1, 1943	$ 2,269.14
Receipts for 2nd quarter	10,327.17
	$12,596.31
Expenditures for 2nd quarter	$ 9,929.91
Balance on Hand July 1, 1943	$ 2,666.40
Balance Bank Account	$ 411.90
Petty Cash	25.00
Bonds for 2nd quarter	261.31
Bonds from 1st quarter (Nov. and Dec., 1942)	1,968.39
	$2,666.60

James A. Evans, Superintendent

Quarterly Report of Disbursements April, May and June, 1943

Salaries		$1,579.04
Office Supplies		69.12
Telephone and Telegraph		39.94
Insurance		337.47
Interest on Short Term Loan		13.87
Board and Conference Expense		35.00
Financing and Publicity		46.43
Administrative and Superintendent travel		91.12
Food		695.18
Clothing		1,055.58
Fuel and Lights and Water		73.55
Plant replacement and Repair		1,169.20
Other items (rent on building)		30.00
Maintenance in Other Institutions (Hospital)		92.60
Laundry		47.92
Household Supplies		212.40
Transportation		186.10
Health fees and supplies		71.04
Education Supplies and fees		97.40
Farm Supplies		2,304.17
Farm Replacement and repair		36.53
Concert Class Expense		100.80
Repayments of Money borrowed		800.00
New Buildings and Additions to old ones		367.89
New Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures		377.56
Total expenditures, 2nd quarter		$9,929.91

Quarterly Report for April, May and June Receipts

County		$ 49.00
Religious Organizations		2,768.37
Parents and Relatives		184.00
Individuals		227.77
Refunds		359.45
On Feed	$1.00	
Reynolds in Raleigh	$354.00	
J. A. Glover	$4.45	
Endowment		2,290.20

Concert Class Receipts	2,716.30
Farm, Dairy and Garden	1,470.77
Bonds	261.31
Total, 2nd quarter	$10,327.17

Value of Donated Commodities for 2nd Quarter

Lee's Chapel L. A. S., Household Supplies	$ .50
Entwistle Church, Clothing	3.50
Mrs. E. C. Shingleton, Clothing	4.00
Mrs. W. O. Fields, Clothing	5.00
Total commodities for 2nd quarter	$13.00

Report On Bonds To Date
(Purchase Price)

Bonds through 1942	$2,320.25
Bonds 1943, through June	1,335.95
Total	$3,656.20

Concert Class Report—9th Week

Morehead City	$ 43.00
Welcome Home	40.54
Davis Shore	50.00
Pilgrim's Rest	52.20
Free Union	36.93
St. Johns Chapel	54.00
South River	56.36
Total	$333.03

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Manager

Rooms In Girls' Dormitory and Cost Per Room for Re-papering and Painting

Chapel	$35.00
Guest Room No. 8	25.00
Room No. 9	25.00
Bath Room No. 10	15.00
Bath Room No. 5	18.00
Room No. 4	22.00
Guest Room No. 3	25.00
Room No. 2	25.00
Room No. 1	25.00
Room No. 21	25.00
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Room No. 23	25.00
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Bath Room	12.00
Bath Room	15.00
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Room No. 31	20.00
Room No. 32	20.00
Room No. 33	20.00
Room No. 34	20.00
Room No. 35	20.00
Room No. 36	20.00
Hall No. 1	75.00
Hall No. 2	50.00
Hall No. 3	35.00

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ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

We are to have a Rally Day at the Alabama Orphanage property on the Fifth Sunday in August. The services are to begin at 10:00 A. M. and to last until about 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be two speakers on the program, and also some splendid singing.

Eldridge is about 25 miles west of Jasper, Alabama, and on U. S. Highway Number 78 from Birmingham, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee. We are hoping that many of the Free Will Baptists living not so very far away will plan to be present for this Rally Day at the Orphanage. We want you to come and see this fine property. Then, we believe you will be very glad to help us pay for it. This is the best purchase which I have known in our denomination in many a day.

The Good Book says, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Should anyone desire to go on Saturday by train or bus, there is plenty of room for you to stay there with the caretaker and family, and it will not cost you anything.

We are desirous of every Free Will Baptist in Alabama, and any of the other Free Will Baptists in the other states, who will do so, to help us pay for this property. Remember, this little town is on a good bus line and also a railroad. It is on the main highway and railroad from Birmingham to Memphis.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Ala.

When some young people go to church, they want the minister to entertain them with current news, not the Gospel truths; while many of the old people find it easy to fall asleep, if the pastor does not open up with some sharp rebuke against some absent church members whom they dislike.—Anon.

God gives manhood but one clew to success—utter and exact justice, that he guarantees shall be always expediency.—Wendell Phillips.

Man proposes many things, some to do evil, while others to do good; but God disposes, rewarding him for his good deeds done in the flesh, and punishing him for the wicked things which he commits.—R. S.

We still enjoy reading the good old Baptist. It is an inspiration to any home, I think, for it gives us courage to go on, and to strive harder to keep up the good work for our Master.—Mrs. N. C. G.

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Thursday, July 22, Mt. Olive, Beaufort County.

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Sunday, July 25, Core Point Chapel, Beaufort County.

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Sunday, August 1, Belhaven, Beaufort County.

Monday, August 2, Greenville, Pitt County.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

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Any church desiring my services on the Fourth Sunday for another year, may write to me at Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Rev. N. D. Beamon

Beware of Factions

If both factions, or neither, shall abuse you, you will probably be about right. Beware of being assailed by one and praised by the other.—Lincoln.

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Give as you would if an angel
  Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if tomorrow
  Found you where giving is o'er.

Give as you would to the Master
  If you met his loving look.
Give as you would of your substance
  If his hand the offering took.
—Anonymous

His Gift and Mime

Over against the treasury
He sits who gave Himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave His life that I might live.
He sees the silver I withhold
Who left for me His throne of gold,
Who found a manger for His bed,
Who had nowhere to lay His head;
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
And I am debtor in His sight.
—Edith B. Gurley

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The quiet of Thy presence, Lord,
Is ours, midst world confusion,
With all life's cares, perplexities,
Abounding in profusion—

A quietness that needs no place
Of careful cultivation,
The victory of inner peace,
Whatever lot, or station.

The airport and the speeding plane,
The duties so demanding,
Yet bring Thy holy presence, Lord,
Peace over all commanding.

As Thou didst still the troubled sea,
Rebuking wave and billow,
Just so in rolling bus or train,
Thy quietness our pillow.

And what though war should load
our hearts
With apprehension, sorrow?
Yet Thou Thyself wilt be our peace—
Today, tonight, tomorrow.

Around us men with jittered nerves,
And cigarettes, are swearing,
Explosively expressing self,
Emotionally despairing.

But Thou dost keep in tranquil peace,
In quietness abiding,
The minds of those who rest in Thee,
Their fears and cares confiding.

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Remember also that you are to arrive at the Camp on Sunday, August 1, about five o'clock in the afternoon. Officials of the Camp will be there to receive you, and to show you where your cottage is located. These are the requests of the Camp Organizing Committee.

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CALLS FOR TESTAMENTS, BIBLE STORY BOOKS, ETC.

We are receiving quite a number of calls for nice Testaments, Bible Story Books and Gospel tracts for Sunday School pupils, Young Leaguers and for the boys in the Armed forces of our country. There seems to be an increased interest shown on the part of parents, Sunday School teachers, League directors, and friends to purchase these religious books for their loved ones that they might have these books for study.

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WANTED!

The editor of the Baptist paper wants more Sunday School and League reports for publication in the Baptist paper. Outstanding achievements, and fine news of these two organizations of the church are greatly desired for publication so that others taking and reading the church paper might know what is being done in other parts of the country among the Sunday Schools and the Young People's Leagues. These two auxiliaries of the church mean much to the advancement of the church as a whole, and therefore should let it be known through the church papers the splendid achievements that they are making in the religious work for the glory of God. These organizations go forward by striving to do things in a Christlike way for the growth of these bodies of the church.

Write the editor just what your Sunday School or League has been doing to achieve some success in some phase of the work of the church. Nice pictures of groups that have been successful in putting over some project for their Sunday School or for their League would be fine for us to be able to use in our church paper together with good articles describing the work done for the advancement of God's kingdom. Please send them in for use in the Baptist paper, and by so-doing you will be informing others of the work you are doing in your Sunday School or League for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

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NO TIME TO PROCRASTINATE

The church has no time to delay in the spreading of the Gospel among the people. The world conditions are very serious, and the Christian people must not grow impatient with things as they are today. On the other hand, the church of the living God must put forth every effort possible to win lost souls for Christ. There is a great work to be done, and every child of God should be greatly interested in doing all he or she can to spread the gospel unto others. The home lands are standing in need of evangelism to be broadcast among millions of people who do not know Christ as their personal Saviour. They need to be saved before it shall be too late. There are millions in distant lands who are standing in need of hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They must be reached by ministers and missionaries. The Word of God must be carried to them. There is no time to delay this all important work for the teaching of God's Word unto those who stand in need of the right way of life. Permanent peace will never be won by military might, nor by international courts of justice without this love of Christ for all humanity dwelling securely in the hearts of the people of earth. The world has tried wars and peace treaties for ages, but no lasting peace has as yet come to the races of men. Whenever they shall try God's Holy Word, and abide by its teachings, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus, then will the people of earth begin to realize peace and happiness the like of which they have never witnessed before.

What if God should place in your hand a diamond, and tell you to inscribe on it a sentence which should be read at the last day, and be shown then as an index of your own thoughts and feelings? What care, what caution, would you exercise in the selection! Now, this is What God has done. He has placed before you the immortal minds of your children, more imperishable than the diamond, on which you are about to inscribe every day and every hour, by your instructions, by your spirit, or by your example, something which will remain, and stand for or against you at the judgment.—Dr. Jayson.

Early History of Free Will Baptists

By Rev. Mrs. H. A. Wheeler
502 South Commerce Street
Lockhart, Texas

(Article No. 18, last of series)

Temperance, Printing Establishment, and The Morning Star

The Free Will Baptist Temperance Society was organized in October of 1871 at the General Conference held at Hillsdals, Mich. From the beginning Free Baptists espoused SOBRIETY. Randall was first to set the example. Once he drove a man from a shed on his premises who began selling liquor there. In those times deacons and even ministers kept distilleries. Rev. Clement Phinney used to say: "I would rather sleep in a temperance man's barn than to sleep in a palace owned by a rum-seller." Rev. Albert Purington, having carried a load of barley ten miles to market, preferred to carry it home again rather than sell it for distilling purposes. At upper Gilmanton, N. H., Q. Meeting in 1820 the leaders and citizens posted notices forbidding the sale of liquors in the streets or near the meeting.

At Wear Q. M. it was earnestly recommended not to use liquor at funerals except where the person died of some contagious disease. (BLESSED CONTAGION). In the November Number of the RELIGIOUS MAGAZINE was an article against "The use of Rum at funerals." Free Baptist's fully identified themselves with the AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY organized in Boston in 1826. Rev. John Cheney drew up the first pledge he ever saw, and worked hard against intemperance. At South Berwick his life was threatened for his stand, and he was mobbed in his own house at night; murderous missils were sent crashing through his windows. OUR MORNING STAR was right on this point from the first. General Conference in 1828 set forth resolutions at great length against the evil. THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT was the issue in 1833 of a ringing sermon by Rev. Arthur Caverno against this evil in which he said: "On what ever side the subject is viewed, whether in the sale, manufacture, purchase or use, it presents its horrors. War, pestilence, or famine, present no parallel. To me death upon the pale horse and hell following with him, cuts not a more frightful figure." In 1839 and 1853, the General Conference spoke in no mild terms concerning THE USE OF TOBACCO, (May God so speak again in 1942.)

Only unfermented wines were advised for communion purposes in 1841. All Free Will Baptists were expected to be true friends of anti-slavery and temperance. NEAL DOW said of us in June, 1888: "I have met many Free Will Baptist ministers, laymen and women, and do not remember one who was not thoroughly a friend of this great movement. Their ministry has ever been among the most indefatiguable, earnest and useful workers, never sparing time or labor in the cause. Without them the cause would not stand where it does today."

The Free Will Baptist Printing Establishment

It was an outgrowth of the Book Concern. In 1826 the MORNING STAR was issued at Limerick, Me. by Hobbs Woodman & Co., with Reverends J. Buzzell and S. Burbank as editors. An article in the Star by Wm. Burr attracted the attention of Rev. David Marks and other ministers as to the need of a BOOK ESTABLISHMENT which came into existence in 1831, with Rev. David Marks as agent. During the first year there were 2,500 copies of the Conference minutes published; 7,000 copies of the "CHRISTIAN MELODY"; 5,000 copies of "REGISTER"; 1,000 copies of Caverno's "Address on Temperance," and 2,200 copies of the "Character of Christ" by J. G. Pike, at a total expense of $4,000. At the next Conference all were pleased with the success of David Marks as book agent, and he continued to be reappointed till 1835 when he resigned. He had received in the four years less than $900 for his services, and had assumed risks of $14,000. Here the committee headed by David Marks purchased the MORNING STAR from its owners for $3,000 and assumed the entire responsibility. New impetus was roused and the subscription list increased from 1600 to 2,000. Dover, N. H., Boston, New York City, Chicago have housed the establishment.

The Morning Star

First appeared at Limerick, Me., May 11, 1826. In 1825 Samuel Burbank and Elias Libby, presented the matter of publishing a paper. At the Parsonfield Q. M. nine men were found ready to assume the publication of the paper. They began with $800, at $50 a share, issuing their prospectus, January 2, 1826 saying: "The first two pages of the paper will be devoted to religious intelligence and Christian correspondence. The other two pages to news in general and whatever may be attractive to the candid reader." John Buzzell was chosen senior editor and Samuel Burbank resident editor and agent. Wm. Burr was engaged as printer. Jonathan Woodman suggested the name of the paper, and rode forty miles through the mud to secure the paper for the first issue. Subscription lists soon rose to four or five hundred. Wm. Burr felt he was too young to be office editor and publishing agent, however, he from then on performed the office work.

THE STAR early took an outstanding position against slavery, and on this ground for years the New Hampshire Legislature refused to grant to it an act of incorporation, however in 1846 a charter was granted. The removal of the Star together with the entire printing press was in 1885. The editorial management of the Star was first John Buzzell and Samuel Burbank from 1826-1833; Wm. Burr, 1934 till his death in 1866, when Rev. G. T. Day was made editor. At his death in 1875, George F.

Mosher succeeded to the chair. At his resignation in 1881, the Rev. J. M. Bailey was managing editor for several months. Rev. C. A. Bickford the present editor was accepted September 23, 1881, and entered fully upon his duties January 1, 1882. The financial management was conducted by Wm. Burr, from 1835 till his death November 5, 1866. Rev. S. Curtis served as temporary agent from December 6, 1866 till September 19, 1867, when L. R. Burlingame was elected. He resigned in 1873. Rev. L. D. Stewart was elected in 1873 and resigned in 1885. In September, 1885, the present agent Rev. E. N. Fernald was elected.

The first STAR was a small four page paper. It has been six times enlarged, and is now an eight page paper of good size. The original subscription list of 400 has grown until at one time as many as 11,000 subscribers were enrolled.

Note—(This is the last article of the series on "Early History of Free Will Baptists" by Mrs. H. A. Wheeler and she desires to thank all readers and the editor at Ayden for their cooperation in getting these historical facts out to our present denominational group.)

AN AUGUST CHRISTMAS TREE

"There's something unusual going on around her, I believe," said Mrs. Bowers, as she talked with her next-door neighbor across the garden fence. "My young daughter is humming Christmas songs about the house, and yesterday I overheard her rehearsing a Christmas play with your boy and girl."

"It does seem a bit odd that they would be doing anything like that here in mid-summer. You'd think it too early to start on Christmas programs," replied Mrs. Caddell. "But more than that. Sally has been spending hours out of every day, cutting advertisements from old magazines."

"Perhaps she is going to make a scrap book," said Mrs. Bowers.

"No, that isn't it. She's been pasting the advertisements on pieces of cardboard and construction paper; she tells me it's a surprise and that's all she can tell me now."

"Maybe it could be something that their class is working out. Miss Stout is a sensible sort of person, but to be starting out with Christmas programs when we've finished the Fourth of July Picnic seems queer," admitted Mrs. Bowers.

Two weeks went by before the secret came out, and on that day Mrs. Caddell received a letter saying that Miss Stout's Class would sponsor an "August Christmas Tree" and program on the back lawn of the church, and for her and all of her friends to be sure and come, and also to bring their pocket-books with them, for they might wish to purchase some gifts to put on the tree.

"Well, did you ever?" exclaimed Mrs. Caddell. "Who ever heard of a Christmas tree in summer time?"

"That's the surprise, Mother," said Sally. "You see, since Miss Stout came back from the Women's Missionary Convention in Greensboro, she has been telling us all about Mrs. Guy Thelin and the true stories which Mrs. Thelin told the Convention about her husband's work with the Union High School in Foo Chow, China. Miss Stout said that the Thank Offering from the women's missionary Thank Offering Meetings this fall would be sent to help Foo Chow boys and girls. Well we wanted to do something to help, so we decided to start early and send Christmas gifts that would get to the pupils in time for Christmas. Mrs. Thelin said that packages or letters would not be apt to get through to them. But that money could be radioed from a branch bank in New York to the bank in China; and that no money had ever been lost. That's why we decided to put on this kind of a program and have people bring money instead of "white gifts" as we do for our Elon Orphanage. The money can be radioed to the Principal of the School and he can buy the gifts for the pupils for Christmas."

"But then where does the Christmas tree come in?" inquired mother.

"Oh, that's how the magazines helped," answered Sally. "When you come you will find on a big rack the pictures of all kinds of presents with a price tag tied to each one. Let's say that you wanted to send a can of peaches, you would pay twenty-five cents and we would hang on the tree a picture of the can, or if you wanted to send a fountain pen that would be a dollar or more."

"Well, I think that you have a splendid idea," said Sally's mother, "and I'm sure we will all want to come!"

The program was given on the eighth of August, and the attendance was wonderful. It looked as if everyone had come out to have a part in the unusual service, and how lovely the tree looked! Trimmed with tinsel and colored lights, with a silver star for a crown. It was literally loaded down with the pictures of gifts which had been bought. There were all sorts of things to eat and there were articles of clothing, and books, and pens and Bibles.

At last, it was time for the program, and how unusual it was to have it out on the church lawn, but it was more real, for you could imagine the shepherds and their flocks, and the stars twinkling in the sky. The carols seemed to fit right in as part of the night, and everyone forgot that it was August instead of December as they listened.

Before they were dismissed with the benediction, Miss Stout announced the amount which had been given, and thanked each one who had come. It was almost a hundred dollars. And then when December twenty-fifth finally came and they were having their own Christmas service, Miss Stout's class thought of their "August Christmas Tree" and the joy that it was bringing to boys and girls of Foo Chow Union High School.

Dorothy Todd.

—In Christian Sun

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. Psa. 25: 9.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

We are wondering as to how many churches that we have in North Carolina which did not make a special offering for Christian Education during the month of June? I want to say, to my Brethren who are **Pastors** that the work of **Christian Education** is too great for us to pass over lightly. We certainly should not leave the responsibility sufficient support of this worthy cause on the laity. We should put the question squarly up to the church, with the assurance that we would lead in the work.

The Bible School

We had the opportunity to visit the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., while attending the National Association. We were well pleased with the building and the campus. We also found that other valuable property just across the street can be purchased, which property is needed for our expansion. This matter was left in the hands of the Board of Education. A small number of us sang, while Mrs. Griffin played, "Everybody Happy, Say Amen!" This was done in the administration building. The piano being the one that the Eastern Auxiliary of N. C., purchased.

Receipts Good

We found that the amount of $18,139.03 was sent to the Treas., of the Bible School last year. All debts are paid with a balance of $2,406.88 in the Treasury. Prospects are good for next year; students signing up; interest and inspiration going **High.**

Not only was receipts good for the Bible College, but every treasury showed up well. In all receipts were more than $30,500.00 which doubled 1941-42. The Bible College led with Foreign missions coming up second with $8,665.54, and the unified Program with $3,751.64 and the other receipts including the Women's Auxiliary making the grand total mentioned above.

Representation Good

Notwithstanding the rationing of gas and tires, the representation was good. We did not get in on the number of states and delegates, owing to the fact that we were busy on other matters at that time, but we were very much surprised at the large number of delegates and ministers attending. The fellowship was grand, sermons and addresses inspiring.

The Executive Secretarial Office

The office of Executive Secretary has been moved to Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Robert Crawford, formerly of Alabama, but now of Ashland City, Tenn., was elected as Executive Secretary by the Executive Committee.

Owing to the health of Rev. L. R. Ennis, he declined the office for another year. Rev. Henry Melvin was nominated and elected on the floor of the Association, but resigned to the Executive Committee, which resignation was accepted, and followed by the election of Rev. Crawford. This was in the rights of Constitutional bounds.

Rev. Robert Crawford is well prepared to fill the office, and as a member of the Executive Committee, I wish to recommend him to the denomination at large.

The Board of Publications and Literature

The Board of Publications and Literature, which was one year old at this time, received its new set of By-laws which was adopted by the body, after being approved by the General Board. There was only one election to the Board, that being the re-election of this writer.

The members of this Board are J. C. Griffin, Chairman, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Assistant Chairman, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo. Secy.-Treas., Rev. Charles R. Porter, Sesser, Ill., and Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova. Ala. According to the By-laws, The Chairman; the Assistant Chairman, and one member of the committee elected by the committee. Bro. Shutes was elected as that member. So if you have literature or booklets that you wished to be used for the glory of God through the Board of Publication and Literature, you can present it to the Board and we will consider the same.

Section Five of the By-laws—"This Board shall have the authority to employ authors, editors, stenographers, and typists; negotiate and execute contracts, appraise and commend manuscripts, advertise and sell its publications, allocate and disburse funds, receive gifts and bequest, and perform all the functions for which it was constituted."

Now if you want to make a gift to the Board of Publications and Literature, send your check to Rev. Mark Lewis, Secy.-Treas., St. Louis, Mo. There are many booklets and phamplets, tracts and literature that should be in the hands of our denomination. We hope, at least, that some things will be done along this line that will mean much to our people as a whole this ensueing year.

The Work of the Board

Section 4. sets forth the following: "The work of this Board shall embrace the publication, distribution, and sale of Christian literature distinctly designed, or created, for the advancement of the general program of the National Association and its auxiliaries. It is provided, however, that literature and periodicals now published by Free Will Baptist institutions shall not be competitively duplicated, and that contracts which provide an equitable bases of cooperation shall be worked out with the Free Will Baptist Press, of Ayden, North Carolina, and the Free Will Baptist Gem, of Monett, Missouri."

Place of Next Association

The next session of the National Association goes by vote to the Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, in Flat River, Mo. The Association had three invitations for the 1944 session. One of these was from the Second Union Meeting District of the Central Conference of North Carolina. These invitations show that the Association is becoming more and more interesting.

Note.—We will endeavor to tell our readers more about the National Association next wee.

A PRAYER FOR OUR BOYS

By Barbara Cornet Ryberg

O God, for the boys whose lives are clean,
Who have never delved in the depths of sin,
Who opened their hearts at a mother's knee
To ask a loving Saviour in;
Who stand today in the strength of youth,
As they fight for peace, may they fight for truth.

And, Lord, for the boys who have never known
The blessings rare of a Christian home,
As they wander far from the ones they love
May they cease, O God, from Thee to roam.
They were dead to Thee as they dreamed of life;
May they find Thy peace in the midst of strife.

And O for the son of a mother who kneels
To earnestly pray for the wayward boy
She has claimed for Thee since his babyhood,
Still his heart is closed to the source of joy.
May he kneel at the cross of his mother's Lord,
May he learn to fight with the Spirit's sword.

Bless those that are tired; may they rest in Thee;
Hold those that are weak that they may not fall;
May those who are longing for folks back home
Lean hard upon Thee as their All in all.
And for us who sit home with our comforts and joys,
O God, may we faithfully pray for our boys!

—Selected by Thomas E. Beaman
Goldsboro, N. C.

I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. 48: 17.

TITHING BULLETINS OFFERED AT A SAVING

At least $5 a week can be saved by any church that customarily uses a four page bulletin each week. Layman Tithing Foundation, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, offers this saving when using their four page bulletin. Two pages are printed with a Stewardship message, and two pages are left blank for local announcements. The company suggests that churches conduct a five weeks' or ten weeks' course of tithe education by using its bulletins, which are offered at a nominal sum. It offers a sample set containing 32 different tithing bulletins, in new type form and just revised, free of charge, postage paid. Write at once for sample set.

Please mention the Free Will Baptist paper, also give your denomination.

Layman Tithing Foundation
740 Rush Street
Chicago

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our revival starts on Saturday before the third Sunday, and we want to invite everyone to pray for the success of this meeting. We want all who will to come and help us in this meeting. It will be held at Union Hill Church, four miles south of Falkville, Alabama.

We are in need of a great revival to win souls for Christ. May the Lord bless this meeting and cause many souls to be saved.

Mrs. Eva Brown,
Falkville, Ala., Route 1

LEAGUERS, TAKE NOTE!

1. All who plan to go to camp bring enough red and blue stamps for one week.
2. Bring one-half pound of sugar per person.
3. The campers that won free trips are to come; their free trips will be recognized.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Yours truly,
Dannie Baldwin
Member of Comm.

NOTICE CAMPERS!

There will be a camp this year beginning August 1 through August 7 sponsored by the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, N. C. Camp will be held at Camp Leach. Total cost is $8.00, $2.00 of which will be Registration Fee.

The following is a suggested application blank if you do not already have one. Use this one or letter and mail your letters to Mr. Dannie Baldwin, 106 S. Holman St., Durham, N. C.

APPLICATION BLANK
Free Will Baptist Camp

I wish to make application to the Free Will Baptist Camp at Camp Leach August 1-7. I am enclosing $2.00 Registration Fee.

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

P. S.—Send in your application with the two dollars as soon as you possibly can that we may know how to provide for each Camper.

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NOTICE

To all the young people in North Carolina, we extend to you a hearty welcome to attend Camp Leach the First Week in August. It is our privilege to sponsor the camp this year, and for your benefit, we are trying to make it the best that has ever been held.

A new schedule has been arranged, and final plans have been made to open the Camp the First Sunday evening in August. The young people from our own church in Durham have responded in a large number, and are challenging you to meet them at Camp Leach.

If you plan to attend, send your registration fee of $2.00 to Mr. Dannie Baldwin, 106 S. Holman St., Durham, North Carolina. I again welcome you to Camp Leach.

Earl H. Glenn, Director of Leagues

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SPIRITUAL REARMAMENT

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."
Romans 12:21

It is now some thirty-five hundred years since Moses put in permanent form the first five books of what has become the one dependable spiritual guide for all mankind. St. John the Divine, the last of the inspired contributors to its priceless pages, penned the Book of Revelation nearly two thousand years ago. An Old Book, in an Old World, surely: but to those who know and revere their Bible it is ever new, ever inspiring.

Why is the Bible so perennially new and stimulating? Because it deals largely with human nature and human activities that change on the surface only, but are fundamentally much the same today as they were at the dawn of history.

What is there that is truly new in this world of ours? The type in which this is printed is a relatively new manner of communicating thought. But it is new largely in that it is a more flexible means of writing, and writing was extensively practiced when Abraham was a boy in Ur of the Chaldees.

We travel over the roads and through the air at breathtaking speed. Our knowledge of the world is more extensive, our outlook somewhat broader, our thinking perhaps a little more facile. But deep underneath our modern garments, in the wellsprings of our beings, where thoughts and actions are born, there is still much, unfortunately, that is selfish, greedy, cruel. But, side by side mith these sordid traits we find strong impulses of friendship, sacrifice, love and forgiveness. Old motives all, as old as humanity itself, and in ceaseless conflict.

War is by no means a new mode of adjusting difficulties and maladjustments between peoples. Neither, by contrast, are our deepseated desires for peace, for human brotherhood, for prevailing righteousness new hopes among right thinking men.

In a world gone mad in its lust for power and for conquest, it is only reasonable and sane that we should prepare materially and physically; and, as a final resort, act to defend the blessings which we have slowly won through hard labor and sacrifice. Although it was Christ that gave us the pattern of our religious liberties and personal freedom, nearly forty generations passed before his words actually came into our hands in a permanent form as an individual possession. And a Roman imperialism seems ready to steal His precious promises from us again.

Just as Moses conscripted man power and arms for war against the Midianites of old (Numbers 31: 1-6), so must we rearm against the threat from undermining forces from without. But as we rearm physically, so, too, must we rearm spiritually, for the moral and spiritual responsibilities of this nation in the years just ahead will be tremendous.

We can become a mighty fortress for righteousness, but it is well to recall that as a nation we act only by the group will of our individual citizens. No wall is stronger than its weakest stones. Only as we individually strengthen ourselves spiritually can we effectively exert our group will in the interests of charity, tolerance and enduring righteousness.

In much of the world today religious activities are at the dictate of and often subject to perversion by the state. Happily in our own country the open Bible is still the living symbol of liberty. We are left free to work out, as individuals, our destiny and our salvation. We may join with others if we will, but most promising of all is our untrammelled direct relationship with God through prayer and Bible reading.

In a world old in sin, but equally old in faith and in hope, we are still fortunate in having this ready access to God's Word. This Book of Books is the guiding star of our faith and charter of our liberties. Since it was a quest for religious liberty which populated Colonial America, it was without doubt the Bible that was the treasured possession first carried ashore at Jamestown and at Plymouth Rock. The Laws of the Bible had already become the basis of our common law, and it was only natural that the Sacred Book should guide the writing of colonial, and later of our national and state constitutions and subsequent statutory enactments.

Thus, our rules of civil conduct have been patterned from the Bible's accumulated wisdom. It has inspired the best in our literature. It has been a shelter in times of stress and tribulation, and has become, to a greater extent than many of us appreciate, the firm foundation of our American Way of Life.

It is to the Bible, therefore, that we instinctively turn for our shield and buckler of Spiritual Rearmament. The characters who people its pages saw a world shaken and despoiled by the Medes and Persians, the Assyrians, the Greeks and finally the Romans. They knew the glories of conquest, and the yoke of bondage. They grieved in the depths of personal degradation, and some lived and labored with Him, who was sent to give us a pattern for human perfection.

As spiritual armor, the Bible has proved to be more resistant than any metal. As a weapon of righteousness it is keener than any sword. As a drill book for the Army of Righteousness it is unsurpassed, and as food for the hungry soul it is the manna of the ages.

We learn from its pages the evils of imperialistic government, and that it is to be hated and overcome. We are shown times in which war was glorified, but learn slowly but surely of what may better take the place of war. Instead of a sword, we are offered a Cross. In place of a battle cry, we are given stirring words which re-echo down the ages, "Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5: 9).

The prophets of old counsel us to be brave under the threats of domination, when they say to us, "Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that die?" (Isaiah 51: 12.) But there is better teaching for us in the words, "Love your enemies." (Luke 6: 27.) We know that

brute force eventually fails, that Right makes for Might. The spirit of Christ eventually conquered Rome, and it was Christ that pointed out clearly to us the practical benefits of co-operation in Matthew 18: 19.

For more than fourteen hundred years following Christ's death the Bible, as a personal possession, was denied to the great majority of his followers. Then, with the advent of printing, came the means of placing in the hands of the many the material from which they might forge their own spiritual armor. It is no coincidence that during these past five hundred years we have made our greatest progress. True, much of it has been material. Much that we have accomplished has been turned to evil purposes. But surely we see too many tangible evidences of collective charity, of sympathy and understanding not to be assured that we have made spiritual progress as well.

The future opens wide to even greater achievements. Each man, each woman, each child has a responsiblity and an opportunity. With fine editions of the Bible available to all, there is no reason why we cannot Rearm Spiritually as a nation, and confidently march forward toward a peace that will provide tranquillity among right thinking people for generations to come.

We must learn to banish emotional prejudices. We must come to understand that a better world order is distinctly a part of our responsibility. We must learn anew that we will contribute to a better world order only in proportion as we put our own national household to right. A nation at spiritual peace at home speaks with greater authority in world councils. There is spiritual strength, too, in unity.

Where political alliances between governments have failed, we need to give thought and earnest consideration to the stronger bonds which can be forged in a spiritual alliance between all men of all nations. There is a pattern for it in Jesus' words, when he says, "For one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." (Matthew 23: 8).

We may cry, "Peace! Peace!" But there will be no lasting peace until and unless we are willing to pay the price of spiritual preparation, and the Book of Books is our guide. There is a mighty host of devout Bible readers already at hand to form the Army of Righteousness. But volunteers are needed to swell the ranks so that we may present a united front. In this Great and Good Book are our enlistment papers, our sword and our shield, our Spiritual Rearmament for a better world on this earth, soon to come.

—Gospel Tract by National Bible Press, Philadelphia.

THE NEED OF AN AWAKENING

"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord" (Jer. 9: 23, 24).

The above instruction was written about 600 years before the coming of Christ. It seems that the leaders of Israel had reached their darkest period of idolatry during the time of Jeremiah. His whole instructions were for them to repent, and to return to the Lord. It will be further noticed that in 588 B. C. Nebuchadnezzar beseiged the city of Jerusalem with his army until a great famine overtook all Jerusalem. Judah and Israel were carried away to Babylon. But all this time, and amidst such captivity, we yet see the mercies of God extended to the humble of heart. Read Jer. 50 chapter. They shall ask the way to zion with their faces uplifted, saying, "Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall never be forgotten."

My people have been a lost sheep, and their shepherds have caused them to go astray. They have turned them away on the mountains. They have forgotten their resting place. You will see from the two verses herewith that a great responsibility is placed upon the leaders of the people, whether ministers or teachers. It is highly important to preach and to teach the Word of God. We are to practice sound doctrine, faithful service and loyalty to Christ. We are to strengthen the weak, and to lead sinners to Christ. We are to show them the reality of salvation through the atonement of Christ.

If a sinner can only be brought to think seriously about the future and the futility of sinning, he will be then ready to cry out for God's mercy to be bestowed upon him.

Galen Lemaster

HE KNOWS

God is not unmindful of our personal trials. The Devil will do all he can to beguile us into thinking that God is indifferent, or that He does not care, or that He is too busy with world affairs; but Satan is a liar from the beginning. "God knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim." There is much comfort in this glorious fact. He remembered Noah, and stopped the rain. He remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the holocaust at Sodom. When He began His mighty deliverance of Israel from Egypt, He said, "I know their sorrows." And we have the word of the Lord Jesus, "Your heavenly Father knoweth. . . ." When this truth gets right down into our hearts, there is no room for anxiety. He is all-powerful, therefore He could remove that obstacle, change that circumstance, heal that illness, supply that need. He loves us, therefore He will do what is best for us at the right time. Perhaps He waits for us to yield more fully to His will, or to pray more earnestly. ("Ye have not, because ye ask not.") But there is no question as to His knowledge, His power, or His love for us. When we refuse to listen to Satan's subtle, insinuating question, "Yea, hath God said?" and stand firmly on the promises of God, then it is that we can truly believe and rejoice in the fact that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

—Selected

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

10th WEEK CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Russel's Creek	$ 22.04
Beaufort F. W. B.	64.26
Brice's Creek	32.05
New Haven	25.62
St. Mary's (New Bern, N. C.)	256.25
Bridgeton	80.05
Antioch	110.03
Total	$590.30

P. S. Note that St. Mary's (New Bern) turned in $256.25, the largest ever received from any one church in Concert Class Receipts. We know you folk had to work for this amount and we use this means to thank you. Also the largest amount received during one week through the Concert Class.

11th WEEK CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Spring Hope	$ 21.00
St's. Delight L. A. S.	5.00
St's. Delight S. S.	7.00
St's. Delight Church	56.55
Ruth's Chapel	40.00
Macedonia	130.55
Juniper Chapel	30.00
Oak Grove	25.00
Lane's Chapel	33.55
Total	$348.65

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

GIVE THEM THE FLOWERS NOW

CLOSED eyes can't see the white roses;
Cold hands can't hold them, you know!
Breath that is still can not gather
The odors that sweet from them blow.
Death, with a peace beyond dreaming,
Its children of earth doth endow;
Life is the time we can help them;
So give them the flowers now!

HERE are the struggles and striving;
Here are the cares and the tears;
Now is the time to be smoothing
The frowns and the furrows and the fears.
What to closed ears, are kind sayings?
What, to hushed heart, is deep vow?
Naught can avail after parting—
So give them the flowers now.

JUST a kind word or a greeting;
Just a warm clasp or a smile—
These are the flowers that will lighten
The burdens for many a mile.
After the journey is over
What is the use of them? how
Can they carry them, who must be carried?
Oh, give them the flowers now!

BLOOMS from the happy heart's garden,
Plucked in the spirit of love;
Blooms that are earthly reflections
Of flowers that blossom above—
Words cannot tell what measure
Of blessing such gifts will allow
To dwell in the lives of many;
So give them the flowers now.

—Anonymous

SPRING BRANCH REVIVAL

Due to conditions over which we have no control, it was decided at our last quarterly meeting that the time for our revival meeting will be changed this year from our usual time of week after the first Sunday in September to the last week in August.

Now, if the Lord is willing our meeting will begin on the evening of the fifth Sunday in August, and will probably close the first Saturday or Sunday in September. Rev. Clarence Bowen will be with us here at Spring Branch during that week.

Pray with us that the meeting will be a real revival, and come and be with us if you can.

Lorene Beaman,
Walstonburg, N. C.

THE TIDE IS SURE TO WIN!

On the far reef the breakers recoil in shattered foam,
Yet, ever the sea behind them urges its forces home;
Its chant of triumph surges through all the thunderous din,
The wave may break in failure, but the tide is sure to win.

The reef is strong and cruel; upon its jagged wall
One wave—a score—a hundred broken and beaten fall;
Yet in defeat they conquer, the sea comes flooding in,
Wave upon wave is routed, but the tide is sure to win.

O mighty sea! thy message in clanging spray is cast;
Within God's plan of progress it matters not at last
How wide the shores of evil, how strong the reef of sin —
The wave may be defeated, but the tide is sure to win.

—By Priscilla Leonard.

THE DRUNKARD'S DOOM

I saw him stand at close of day
Close by a grog-shop door;
His lips were parched, his eyes sunk,
I viewed him o'er and o'er.

His infant boy stood by his side
And lisping to him said;
"Oh, Father, Mother's sick at home,
And sister's crying for bread.

He trembling rose and staggered in,
As oft he'd done before;
And to the landlord, falteringly said,
"Oh, give me one glass more."

One year elapsed, I passed that way,
A crowd stood 'round the door;
I asked the reason; one replied,
"The drunkard is no more."

I saw his funeral passing by,
No wife or child were there;
They, too, had joined their Mother earth,
And left this world of care.

(Note: This was copied from old picture on the wall in my Father's

home.—Mrs. Laura D. Cayton, Winterville.)

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June, 1943

Warden's Grove	$ 7.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	50.00
Union Grove, D. V. B. S.	6.54
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3rd Union of Central Conference	5.00
Gum Neck Women's Auxiliary	5.25
Total Received for June	$197.22
Total Paid to National Treasurer	$197.22

Note: Due to the fact that Mr. Pelt is now in the armed services of the United States Government, he has offered his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of North Carolina, effective in September. Please continue to mail your mission money to 2612 Elgin St., Durham, N. C., until then.

Chester Pelt, Secy.-Treasurer

FOR THOSE WHO HEED OUR COUNTRY'S CALL

By W. M. Czamanske

The Lord preserve thy going out,
Our country's call to heed,
That freedom's blessings may abide
And heal the hearts that bleed.

The Lord preserve thee far from home,
Amid unnumbered ills,
And cause thee to lift up thine eyes
Unto His heavenly hills.

The Lord uphold thee with His hand
And be thy Strength and Might,
Thy Shade against the sun by day,
Thy Shelter through the night.

The Lord who slumbers not, nor sleeps,
Keep watch and guard thee well;
For He it is, and He alone,
That keepeth Israel.

The Lord preserve thy precious soul,
Thy body undefiled,
And fold thee in His gracious arms
From all the world enisled.

The Lord preserve thy coming in,
When strife and warfare cease,
And bring thee home, or let thee share
His everlasting peace.

I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me.

—Robert B. Hamilton.

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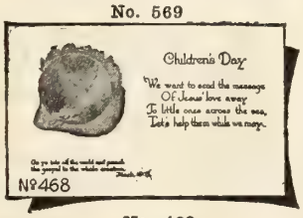

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GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

(Lesson for August 1)

Lesson: Exo. 5: 22, 23; 6: 1-7; 12: 51. Read Exo. 5-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me" (Ps. 50: 15).

God's Times

Moses had expected an immediate deliverance; but that God had not promised. Freedom He had solemnly declared that Israel should soon enjoy, but the "when" and the "how soon" were hidden in the dark. Gurnal fitly expresses the thought that, as the herbs and flowers, which sleep all winter in their roots underground, when the time of spring approaches forthwith start forth from their beds where they had lain so long undisturbed, so the promises of God will in their season effloresce and fruiten. Every promise is dated with a mysterious character, and as the gardener knows when the different seeds will come up, and arranges accordingly, so God knows the budding-time of His promises. Moses must wait. For want of skill in God's chronology, we are prone to think that God forgets us, when indeed we forget ourselves in being so bold to set God a time of our own, and in being angry that He comes not just as we wish and expect.

"In the center of a circle
Of the will of God I stand:
There can come no second causes,
All must come from His hand.
All is well! for 'tis my Father
Who my life hath planned.

"Shall I pass through waves of sorrow?
Then I know it will be best;
Though I cannot tell the reason,
I can trust, and so am blest.
God is love, and God is faithful,
So in perfect peace I rest!"

"Have Thine own way, Lord! have thine own way!
Thou are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still!"

—Selected

III. The Heart of the Lesson

This lesson centers around the **redemption of Israel.** "I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments (Exo. 6: 6). They were the slaves of Pharaoh, suffering cruel oppression, and from this bondage they were to be redeemed, delivered. They were to be taken from Pharaoh's possession to become **God's possession.** "I will **take** you to **Me** for a people" (vs. 7 comp. Deu. 14: 2; 28: 9; II Sam. 7: 24). Their redemption was **entirely** the work of God, all the praise and glory belonged to Him. They could **not** save themselves, for they were defenseless, helpless, they were utterly at the mercy of their oppressor. If salvation was to come it must come from **above,** and **outside** themselves. Pharaoh could do with them as he willed; thus, instead of easing their burdens at the request of Moses and Aaron, he made conditions doubly difficult. Israel in its **helplessness** is a **type** of the sinner, who **cannot** save himself. Try as he will he cannot atone for the past, neither can he overcome the evil within him. The Law may show him his duty, but it is **powerless** to help him to fulfill it (Rom. 7: 20-25).

"Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone.
Thou must save, and Thou **alone.**"

When Israel stood helpless, gripped by the cruel hand of Pharaoh, then God's strong "arm brought salvation" nigh (Is. 59: 16). With a "stretched out arm, and with great judgments" He redeemed His people. One judgment followed another, but Pharaoh's heart was hardened, he refused to release Israel. Then came the judgment of death, and this time it was **not** Israel who cried, and groaned, **but their oppressors**—"there was a great cry in Egypt" (Exo. 12: 30). Pharaoh had demanded Moses should never see his face again lest he die (10: 28). There was no need for Moses to endanger his life, for the fear-stricken Pharaoh called for him by night and bid him take Israel out of Egypt at once. "Go, serve the Lord, as ye have said" (12: 31), and before departing he craves the benediction of Moses (vs. 32). God was the **sole Redeemer** of His people, and to this truth Psalmists and Prophets bear witness again and again (Deu. 7: 8; 13: 6; I Chron. 17: 21; Ps. 106: 10).

—Selected

III. Home Work

1. Is it true that God allows hard experiences to come into our lives? (Job 1: 12; 2: 6).

2. What purpose are trials and tests to serve in our lives? (Gen. 22: 1, 2; Job 23: 10; Ps. 66: 10; Jas. 1: 12).

3. How did God sometimes deal with discouraged men? (Exo. 14: 16; 17: 4-6; I Ki. 19: 1-18).

4. What is the greatest encouragement the Lord can give? (Exo. 3: 12; Josh. 1: 5; Is: 41: 10).

5. What is God's promise to those who pray? (Ps. 50: 15; Jer. 29: 12; 33: 3).

6. What was God's Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? (Gen. 12: 1-3; 26: 2-5; 28: 13-15).

7. For at least how many years did the Lord hear the groaning of Israel before He delivered them? (Acts 7: 18-23, 29, 30).

8. What other O. T. prophet was discouraged over the results of his efforts? (I Kings 19: 1-14).

9. **"The Israelites Denounce Moses."** Study what our **Advanced Quarterly** has to say on this topic.

10. **"God Answers Moses."** Exod. 6: 1-7. Study the comments on this topic in our **Senior Quarterly.**

11. Be sure to read chapters 5-12 in the Book of Exodus.

MY PURPOSE!

To be a little kindlier
With the passing of each day,
To have but happy memories
As I go along my way;

To use possessions that are mine
In service full and free,
To sacrifice the trivial things
For larger good to be.

To give of love in lavish way
That friendship true may live;
To be less quick to criticize,
More ready to forgive.

To use such talents as I have
That happiness may grow,
To take the bitter with the sweet
Assured 'tis better so.

To be quite free from self intent
What'er the task I do,
To help the World's faith stronger grow
In all that's good and true;

To keep my faith in God and right
No matter how things run
To work and pray and pray and trust
Until the Journey's done.

God grant to me the strength of heart
Of motive and of will,
To do my part and falter not
This purpose to fulfill.

—Henrietta Haron.

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much:
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage:
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

—John Bunyan.

Master, no offering costly and sweet,
May we, like Magdalene, lay at Thy feet;
Yet may love's incense rise, sweeter than sacrifice,
Dear Lord, to Thee, Dear Lord, to Thee.

—Edwin P. Parker.

WHAT THE ARTIST SAW

An artist was asked to paint a picture of a dying church. Did he set upon canvas a small, feeble congregation in a ruined building? Quite the reverse. He depicted a stately edifice, with a rich pulpit, organ and windows. But in the porch there was hung a small box, with the words above it, "Collection for Foreign Missions." And just where the contribution should have gone, the slit was blocked by a cobwek! That was the artist's conception of a dying church, and it was profoundly true. —The Baptist Observer.

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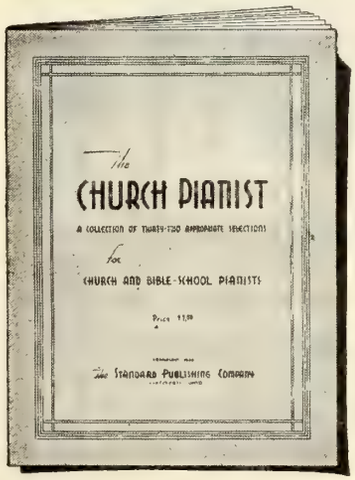

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IN MEMORIAM

HUSBAND

By Verna Senter
Kipling, N. C.

Hushed in the silence of the grave,
My love lies sleeping,
Memories dimmed by years
Still linger repeating,
A life, unselfish, undaunted with fear,
A life for Christ, a life to cheer.

Hushed in the silence of the tomb,
A mighty warrior was he,
Triumphantly, relentlessly, pushing on,
Working for Thee.
A life among God's immortals, brave,
happy, true, a life for Jesus,
And a light for you.

"ABSENCE"

By Z. Anne Robinson
New Bern, N. C.

Sometimes upon deep shadows on the ground,
I paint a picture of a joy long sought but never found;
I tell my rosary to the end as I hide the tears that fall,
Because you see, my sweetheart, I only dreamed I heard you call.

When evening shadows sink the sun to rest,
And I, in sleep, have failed to calm this surging longing in my breast;
Somewhere in the lonely distance I hear a night bird call,
Sweetheart, tell me, do you ever listen for a step that never falls?

No matter where I go I carry in my throbbing heart,
A precious thing which has become the greater, sweeter part,
Of every hour every day, each little while;
You see, Sweetheart, it is the haunting memory of your smile.

If you should come to me some evening soon.
And in your heart of hearts for mine make room;
I'd kiss you, for I know I'd have no other choice,
I want so much to hear your tender mellow voice.

Why should your absence wring my soul with torturing fear?
My strength grows frailer with each hollow year;
Patiently I wait, Sweetheart, to regain a shred of all I've lost,
Resignedly I tell my beads and hide my tears,
And kiss, with tenderness, my weighty cross.

Selected by Mrs. R. F. Pittman of Greenville, N. C., as in loving remembrance of her deceased husband.

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O God of Love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, Thy works of old,
The wonders that our fathers told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

—Henry Baker.

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I am praying that God will bless them unto the end. I am giving below the names of the Primary Class of our Sunday School:

Lois Jean Forest, Patsy Johnson, Joyce Ann Wilson, Leon Fornes, Bill Laughinghouse, Lynwood Fornes, Samuel Lewis, Odell Lewis, William Lancaster, Ottis Lewis, Frankie Buck, Douglas Gaskins. The Primary teacher is Mrs. Sallie Fornes.—S. F.

I'LL NEVER BE LONELY IN HEAVEN

Looking toward heaven at twilight,
Beautiful visions I see;
Stars in their beauty are shining,
Lighting the pathway for me.
Visions of Jesus in glory,
With angels around the white throne;
Fill my sad heart with a longing
For heaven my beautiful home.

Friends here on earth may forsake me,
And sorrow may fill my heart;
Clouds may grow dreary and darker,
No joy may seem to impart.
My labors here may be toilsome,
My cross may be heavy to bear,
But soon I shall go to that City,
I'll never be lonely up there.

I'll never be lonely in heaven,
That beautiful city so fair;
With Jesus my King and Redeemer,
I'll never be lonely up there.

Mrs. Venie M. Carney,
Durham, N. C.

The Christian home should have certain distinguishing characteristics. It must be different from other homes, not only within its own four falls, but also in its impact upon the community round about. In such a home the Bible must be honored as the Word of God; it must be received with faith and love, laid up in the hearts of the members of the home, and practiced in their lives. In the Christian home there will be the voice of prayer—personal, private prayer on the part of the individual, and the family altar as well. It will be a home whose members are active in the work of the church and in strengthening the moral and spiritual life of the community, and it will be a home where Christ's teachings are known and obeyed. From such homes will go out men and women who will "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.—Clipped

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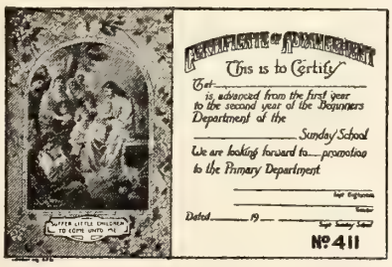

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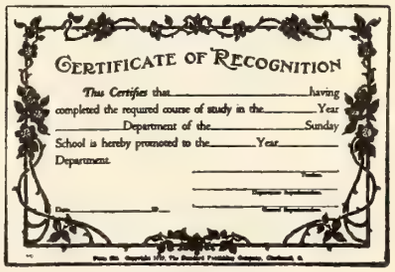

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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been requested to make the following request:

All readers of the Baptist paper who have relatives, friends, or neighbors (who are members of some Free Will Baptist church), and who are now living in or residing within the bounds of the cities of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, are asked to send to our Office here in Ayden, North Carolina, the names and addresses of such persons. You may send these names and addresses on a penny postal card.

The purpose is twofold; namely, we want to have an evangelistic campaign conducted in those cities in the near future, and to organize if possible a Free Will Baptist church there. One minister has promised to hold a revival campaign, and is hoping to get in touch with many of the Free Will Baptists who are now living in these two cities. He wants to work through them in staging an evangelistic campaign, and if possible to organize a Free Will Baptist church in the very near future.

You are directed to address your communications to THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST, Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

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Rev. N. D. Beamon

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Thy Will Be Done

Not in dumb resignation
  We lift our heads on high;
Not like the nerveless fatalist
  Content to do and die;
Our faith springs like the eagle,
  Who soars to meet the sun,
And cries exultingly unto Thee,
  "O Lord, Thy will be done."

Thy will it bids the weak be strong,
  It bids the strong be just.
No lips to fawn, no hands to beg,
  No brow to seek the dust.
  Wherever a man oppresses man
  Beneath the liberal sun,
O Lord, be there! Thine arm to bare;
  Thy righteous will be done.

—*John Hay*

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For Month of June, 1943

Brought forward from last month		$1,684.44
Received during past month by states as follows:		
North Carolina	$ 444.22	
Missouri	269.15	
Michigan	162.75	
Texas	29.81	
West Virginia	25.00	
South Carolina	22.00	
Oklahoma	7.00	
Georgia	6.00	
Illinois	5.00	
Tennessee	3.50	
Unified program fund from Nat. Treasury	288.96	
National Auxiliary Convention	263.39	
Total for the month	$1,526.78	
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Grand Total		$3,211.22
Total disbursements for month		$ 861.97
Balance in Treasury June 30th		$2,349.25

Winford Davis, Treasurer

NOTICE CONCERNING "CHALLENGING QUARTER"

I have received money from a good many churches on the "Challenging Quarter." If there are any more to send money in, please do so during the next week or two. Then we will send in the names of all churches for the Honor Roll.

The money will then be sent to the Five Causes for which it stands. I am sure you are interested in knowing which church had the most money. I am still waiting to hear from you. I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. F. Adams,
Campaign Director,
Route 5,
Durham, N. C.

Every one that asketh receiveth. Luke 11: 10.

EDITORIAL

TRUST—

The Psalmist has said, "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us" (Ps. 62: 8).

There are many today who are trusting in the Lord. They now see no other way for refuge in these troublesome days but to depend upon God to guide them safely through their sorrows and disappointments. The Psalmist had learned by personal experience that it was good to trust in the heavenly Father, and to abide by His commandments. There are some people, who are now learning to trust God, but who did not seek His counsel and guidance a few years ago. Then they were self-satisfied, self-sufficient. But they have been brought to realize that divine leadership is necessary in this life, and that they must place their trust in God so that they might share His tender mercies and loving-kindness during these trying days.

How important it is that people should not wait for troubles and disappointments to come upon them before they decide to place their faith and trust in God. Fair minded people know they need Him every day, whether conditions are favorable or troublesome, for He can give peace and understanding to everyone who will go to Him in simple faith and trust. They need to pour out their hearts unto Him. They should take Him as their refuge. No one should ever wait for misfortunes to befall him first before calling upon God for divine guidance and tender consolation. We are creatures of His handiwork, created in His own image and likeness, and therefore should trust Him as our holy Father.

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HONOR—

Honor manifested in the life of a person is certainly a praiseworthy characteristic. It marks his life with the divine approval of God upon it for his integrity, and his just dealings with his fellow man. Certainly, it is that trait in that individual which other people appreciate and respect, and like to think of as commendable quality in any person.

The Apostle Paul honored his calling as he carried the Gospel to the heathen. He so preached and lived as he ministered unto the lost that those who knew him best learned to love and respect him. He was true to the task which God had given him, and he proved himself faithful and just to those whom he served.

Men of honor, trust and faithfulness play an important part in moulding and directing the affairs of the state and nation. They can be relied upon to do the tasks well, whether small or great, and to play square with those whom they serve. It is likewise true that men and women of honor in the work of spreading the gospel have great bearing upon those whom they serve in teaching the Word of God. They build up faith and trust among those with whom they work because they are honorable characters, giving their lives for the cause of Christ.

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FRUITS—

When John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness, he stressed these things; namely, repentance, confession, baptism, fruits. He reminded the people of their need of turning to God in simple faith and trust, knowing that they had wandered away from the paths of righteousness. He said to them, "Bring forth fruits meet for repentance" (Matt. 3: 8). John warned them to change from the ways in which they were living, and to turn to the Lord and beg forgiveness of their sins. They were to do something about their lost condition. In fact, they were to bring forth fruits suitable, adaptable —acceptable before God so that they might be made right with the heavenly Father.

There are multitudes of people today who need to bring forth fruits fit for the Master's use. They need to repent of their evil deeds; they need to go to Christ in simple trust; and they need to bear fruit in the kingdom of God. There are homes that need to be made better; churches to be made more active in the service of the Lord; and there are communities that need the spiritual uplifting power of devout men and women of God so that the people might be drawn closer to God, and the Christian influence be radiated among them for the glory of God.

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PERSEVERANCE—

The Bible teaches us to pursue our course in life with perseverance. It has been laid down in Holy Writ that man is to labor for his sustenance in this life. The Apostle Paul once said unto the Thessalonian brethren, "If any would not work, neither should he eat." God told Adam, who had transgressed His commandment in the Garden of Eden, that he should go out and earn his living by his labor. It has been true through the centuries that man has to work for his living. Man is to persevere in his business, whether it be manual or mental labor, for the purpose of achieving success. Those who would become educated must pursue rigorously courses of instruction which will qualify them for useful endeavors; those who would become wealthy must work faithfully and hard to store up riches; and those who would seek to render the greatest service possible to their state and nation are most assuredly to persevere with unselfish purposes that they might render a noble service to humanity.

In like manner, those who would seek to serve the Lord in a great way are to be faithful and persevere in the work which they are called to perform. When trials, disappointments and sorrows come upon them, then they are to be strong, and persevere, as the saints of old, to be able to overcome the evil one. It is one's courage and endurance in things worthwhile which will give them ultimate victory.

Excuses

EXCUSES

And they all with one consent began to make excuse. Luke 14: 18.

What wilt THOU say when he shall punish THEE? Jer. 13. 21.

Reader. Do not throw this paper away. Read it carefully and thoughtfully. Though you may not be aware of it, **your soul** is in great danger if you have not been "born again" in God's way. Upon which of the following excuses are you building your hopes of escaping Hell and reaching Heaven? **Whom** will you **blame** if like the rich man in Luke 16th chapter you die, are buried and in Hell **you** lift up your eyes being in torments?

You Cannot Blame God for "God is not willing that any should perish." He would have all men to be saved, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

You Cannot Blame Christ for "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." I Tim. 1: 15. "I am come that they might have life." John 10: 10. "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6: 37.

You Cannot Say You Are Not A Sinner for God says: "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed unto **all** men, for that **all have sinned.**" Rom. 5: 12. "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." Eccl. 7: 20. There is no difference: **for all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 22, 23.

You Cannot Say "I am doing the best I can," "I have turned over a new leaf and joined the Church," "I have a good heart," "I will trust in the Lord for the rest," "God is too good to punish me in Hell," "I have done nothing worthy of Hell." God says: All your "righteousness are as filthy rags" in His sight. Isa. 64: 6. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3: 5. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately (incurably) wicked." Jer. 17: 9. "There is a way which **seemeth** right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14: 12. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6: 23. "It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment." Heb. 9: 27.

You Cannot Say You Have Not Been Warned for this little tract containing God's Word is your warning and it may be your last. Search the Scriptures and see if these things are so. If you are concerned about these matters it is God's Spirit striving to show **you your** danger, your guilt and your helplessness. You are "without God," without Christ and "without hope" in the world. Eph. 2: 12. You have no claim on God, you have broken His laws and you are **"condemned already"** and awaiting the execution, but there is pardon for you today if you will have it. If you resist the spirit, God says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6: 3. "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29: 1. "Because there is wrath beware lest He take thee away with His stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee." Job. 36: 18.

You Cannot Say There Is Plenty of Time to settle this matter, for God says, "Behold **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6: 2. Listen to His solemn warning against delay, "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out My hand, and no man regarded . . . I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. . . . Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer." Prov. 1: 24-28.

You Cannot Blame The One Who Handed You This Tract for in love to your soul, realizing your awful danger, they sought to faithfully warn **you** and turn **your** thoughts toward "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1: 29.

You Cannot Blame Circumstances for there is nothing that can keep a sinner from Christ if he wants to come to Him for salvation. "Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." John 5: 40.

You Cannot Blame Hypocrites, those who talk one way and live another, for you have a **Bible** to direct you and you need not follow the footsteps of others. Read the Bible for yourself. It is the Word of the Living God. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 12: 14.

You Cannot Say You Keep The Law for God says, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in **one** point, he is guilty of all." Jas. 2: 10. The law was given to show to a fallen race their inability to keep His laws ("that every mouth might be stopped, and all the world become guilty before God," Rom. 3: 19), showing them their need of a Saviour to pay the debt they could never pay. Just as a looking glass shows the dirt upon the face, but is unable to cleanse it, so the law shows us our sinful condition, but it takes the blood of Christ to cleanse those sins away. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from **all** sin." I John 1: 7.

You May Say You Do Not Believe In The Hell Of The Bible. But, my friend, two minutes in Hell **amid the** weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, will change your mind. When you realize then, as every one in Hell realizes to-day, that the Bible is the Word of God, that you are a sinner, that Christ died for sinners, that you could have been saved had you believed and accepted the Saviour of sinners as your own personal Saviour and as the truth of it all bursts on your poor lost soul you will cry

aloud in agony as you weep and wail and gnash your teeth, "Fool that I was, Too late, Too late." There are no unbelievers in Hell, but they believed too late.

Reader;—You may say you do not believe all this but the mere fact that you do not believe it does not alter the facts. Who art thou that repliest against God? He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar. The responsibility of spending Eternity in Hell is yours and yours alone. If you are not concerned about your own soul and have no desire to be saved pass this paper on to some one else. They may thank you for the warning and be saved.

You are Left Without Excuse. Romans 1: 20. **Where will you spend eternity?** The prudent man forseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the foolish pass on, and are punished." Prov. 22: 3.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16: 31.
—Union Gospel Tract

BIBLE LAWS FOR FAMILY LIFE

By Eld. A. J. Jenkins,
Dundas, Ohio, Box 16

The laws of God stand sure, and those who have not found this out, will do so at the cost of some of life's pleasures.

Broken homes and broken hearts have back of them somewhere, broken laws of God by them.

Every unhappy home and every separation and divorce has somewhere in the practices of life, broken laws of God.

The broken laws led up to the crisis that transgressor broke, and he found the law of God stands sure.

In search for the things that make for broken homes, and for the things that will make homes safe and happy, we do well to examine some of the Bible laws for family life.

The first law in the Bible for family life is in Gen. 1: 28, "Be fruitful and multiply." Against this the Federal religious bureau on reports from Doctors and Maids report that from July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, there were more than three to one children killed before birth, than there were healthy births.

The first law is the law of parenthood, and none can escape its consequences, who break God's laws.

Individuals, families, and nations have prospered where this law has been obeyed, and where broken-transgressors have found the law stands sure.

Millions have failed and died because the law was disobeyed, while thousands have prospered and become strong that obeyed the law without question.

It is a great responsibility to be parents today, and it is costly, if they are reared instead of let grow up, but the law of God governs both ways; namely, they who fail in keeping the law of God, fail in rearing up the children in honor of God; and they who rear the children according to God's law have children that love and respect God and His laws.

It means pain and extreme patience, as well as sacrifice and toil, with much trouble in this war torn world to rear them up right, but the time, cost, and sacrifice pays well when we see God's laws obeyed by them, and their life worshiping God their Creator.

One of the fruits of the Spirit, and one of the results of training them for Christian life is, self-control on the part of parents that can be transferred into the life of children, that becomes part of their life practices afterwards.

There is no school so good as the home, and no teacher so good and efficient as the Christian parents who take time to learn the children Christian principles early in life.

Every home should have a family altar, and the parents should see that all the children gather around that altar at least once a day, and twice is still better. There the Bible should be read, and some comment often is helpful, and all should pray.

Every home should be a training school, to inform the children what it means to worship God.

The library should contain religious books of worth-while, and good use should be made of them for information.

Every child at proper age should be taught that God hath prepared a place for them in the great worship, and their child like way of worship is well known to Him and His blessings are promised them from the earliest beginning of their worship.

Every child should know that God can use every one of His creatures in His work, and many times the child fits into a worshipping place even better than older persons.

Every child should be taught that the great people in the work and worship of God are they who obey Him best.

DAYS

Daughters of Time, the hypocrite Days,
Muffled and dumb like barefoot dervishes,
And marching single in an endless file,
Bring diadems and fagots in their hands.
To each they offer gifts after his will,
Bread, kingdoms, stars, and sky that holds them all.
I, in my pleached garden, watched the pomp,
Forgot m ymorning wishes, hastily
Took a few herbs and apples, and the Day
Turned and departed silent. I, too late,
Under her solemn fillet saw the scorn.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE JOURNEY

Another day is going by—
I hear it panting run
As if upon an errand bound
That must be quickly done.

But yesterday went stooping by
As if on crutch and cane,
Its features writhed in anguish as
It hobbled through the rain.

—Daniel B. Straley

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

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Palmetto Chapel	102.50
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Arapahoe S. S.	44.78
Arapahoe Church	48.00
Oriental	77.52
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Faustina Shearon, Manager

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James A. Evans, Superintendent

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THE NEW BIRTH EXPERIENCED

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." (Rom. 8: 14).

In the context of the above chapter reference, we read these words from verse one, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8: 1). The important thing is to learn how men and women may come to realize the happy state described in the text. In Matthew 20: 1 and 2, we read, "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard."

This man also accepted workers up to and including the eleventh hour, and each one received full pay at the end of the day. When men and women begin to work in the service of their heavenly Master, they are met and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. In John 14: 16, Christ says, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." This is true sanctification of the inner life and heart of the individual so blessed.

I find many people who are looking for evidences of the New Birth as outward manifestations of the flesh. But the Holy Spirit has laid down a line of distinction, that is, one's faith in the Lord Jesus, as an unfailing mark of the new-born soul. When the Apostle Peter confessed, by saying, "Thou art the Christ," Jesus replied to him in these words, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, who is in heaven" (Matt. 16: 16, 17). The individual who is so blessed with the New Birth has the witness within his heart that he is born of God. This faith honors the God of truth, for it is holy faith. We find in I Cor. 30, Jesus as our righteousness; as our peace in Eph. 2: 14; as our atonement in Rom. 5: 11; and His mercy of eternal life in Jude 21.

Galen Lemaster,
Manila, Ky.

YIELDED LIVES

Often we speak of God's claims upon the life of the Christian as though it were the fiat of an autocrat, one who demands his rights. God might well do so, for He has full authority and power over all of us, but He is a gracious God and gently leads His children along to the place where they make their own decision to leave all and follow Him.

The work of God in the world is carried on by men. The joy of proclaiming the gospel was not given to the angels, but to redeemed men and women. Knowing the regenerating grace of God in their own lives, they have been called during all this Christian era to go out to tell others.

In preparation for that ministry our Lord needed yielded lives, which He sought and found in these humble fishermen. They were "not visionaries or dreamers, but were practical men with common sense. They had been disciplined in the school of common toil. . . . Though unlearned so far as formal theological training was concerned, these men were teachable. Under the tutelage of the Son of God Himself they received matchless informal training. . . . leading to a record of service which the world will never forget. It is that sort of teaching that counts. We, too, may learn in the school of Christ, through a study of His Word, assisted by His Spirit, and through the yielding of our lives to His control" (B. L. Olmstead).

Christ no longer walks this earth to seek and call out disciples as He did these men, but the blessed succession of those of whom it may be said, "They forsook all and followed him" (v. 11), continues to this day.

We repeat what we have said before, that one of the thrilling things about teaching Sunday school is that somewhere, in some class this next Sunday, God is going to touch the heart of some boy or girl who will be a leader for Him for the next generation. No, not necessarily another Moody, or another Wesley, or another Finney, but another follower who will leave everything to go with and serve Jesus Christ. He may be in your class, teacher, this next

Sunday. Are you ready to give him God's message, and pass on to him in all faithfulness, the clear, tender call of Jesus, "Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men?"

—In Moody Monthly.

NEWS FROM CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Dear Members and Friends:

This is to inform you that our Church Finance Association, Incorporated, of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina is still doing fine, we think. We are making a steady and, a sure growth such as we can be well proud of, we feel. We continue to have new organizations and individuals who are buying a membership certificate with us.

At our last annual meeting which was held at Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church, we feel that everybody who attended was very much pleased at the operation of the organization. We believe if every church could have had their pastor or a delegation at the said meeting that each church in North Carolina would have rallied to our program and especially in the month of August according to our six point program that has been outlined by our field secretary of the state convention of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists. I appeal to each of you to contribute during the month of August to this most worthy cause.

We are doing our best to serve every need that we are definitely called upon to fill. We will be happy to answer any question that you may have and wish to know. Please do not wait until your opportunity of doing good has passed, then say, "I wish I had known." We want you to know now in time for you to show your loyalty and anxiety to our church program in the month of August. I believe I am able to show to you beyond a question of doubt, that this is destined to be one, if not the greatest, of our leading church programs.

Yours in service,

L. H. Wetherington, Secy.

CONCERNING PREACHERS

"The poorest of trades and the noblest of callings," is what Dr. Cuyler called the ministry of the gospel.

Some plague the people with too long sermons; for the faculty of listening is a tender thing, and soon becomes weary and satiated.—Luther.

Many a meandering discourse one hears, in which the preacher aims at nothing and—hits it.—Whately.

The object of preaching is to constantly remind mankind of what mankind is constantly forgetting: not to supply the defects of human intelligence, but to fortify the feebleness of human resolutions. — Sydney Smith.

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.—Hooker.

A minister without boldness is like a smooth file, a knife without an edge, a sentinel that is afraid to let off his gun. If men will be bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove.—Gurnall.

I would have every minister of the gospel address his audience with the zeal of a friend, with the generous energy of a father, and with the exuberant affection of a mother.—Fenelon.

Evil ministers of good things are as torches—a light to others, a waste to none but themselves only.—Hooker.

The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit to know what they mean in it.—Cecil.

The New Testament idea of preaching involves three elements: the announcement of joyful tidings; the proclamation of truth as by a herald, urgent and authoritatively; and the conviction and persuasion of men to belief by means of arguments.

The writings of Martin Luther suggest to me these ten qualifications for the ministry: 1. He should be able to teach plainly and in order. 2. He should have a good head. 3. Good power of language. 4. A good voice. 5. A good memory. 6. He should know when to stop. 7. He should be sure of what he means to say. 8. He should be ready to stake soul and body, goods and reputation on the truth. 9. He should study diligently. 10. He should suffer himself to be vexed and criticized by everyone.—J. E. Dinger.

Jesus did His most effective work not with multitudes, but with individuals.—Erling C. Olson.

—In Moody Monthly

A BIBLE STUDY ON RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH

The Two Advents of Christ: A Contrast

I. The First Advent

1. He came in weakness. "The Babe." Luke 2: 16.
2. He came in poverty and humiliation. "A manger." Luke 2: 12; 2 Cor. 8: 9.
3. He came unattended. Joseph his only human protector. His birth was announced by angels, but He was not openly attended by them.
4. He came a Servant. Matt. 20: 28; Phil. 2: 5-7.
5. He came to be "despised and rejected of men." Isa. 53: 3; John 1: 11; 6: 66.
6. He came to be tempted of Satan, and to be buffeted of men. Matt. 4; 26: 27; Isa. 50: 6; 52: 14.
7. He came to suffer and to die as the Great Sin-bearer. Isa. 53: 5, 6, 12; I Pet. 2: 24; 3: 18.

II. The Second Advent

1. He shall come in power. Luke 21: 27; 2 Thess. 2: 8.
2. He shall come in "great glory." Mark 13: 26.
3. He shall come attended by angelic hosts and saints of all ages. Jude 14; Matt. 25: 31.
4. He shall come as "King of kings and Lord of lords." Rev. 19: 16.
5. He shall come "to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe." 2 Thess. 1: 10.
6. He shall come to bind and imprison Satan and to judge living nations. Rev. 20: 1-3; Matt. 25: 31-46.
7. He shall come the second time "apart from sin" (R. V.), to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and universal holiness. Heb. 9: 28; Ps. 72; Zech. 14: 9, 20.

—Christian Victory Magazine

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
Education ..... Superannuation
Home Missions ..... Foreign Missions
REV. ROBERT CRAWFORD, *Executive Secretary*
Ashland City, Tennessee

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS

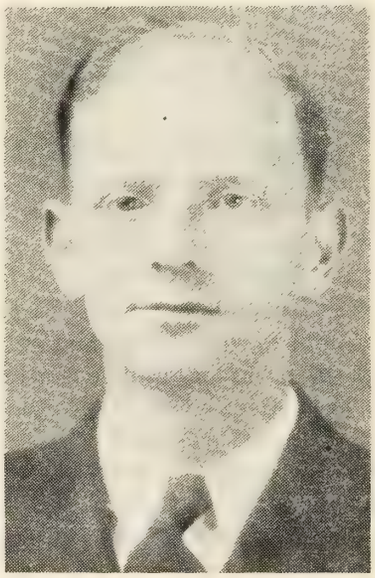
Introduction

Free Will Baptists have always ben a missionary people. At one time, the denomination maintained a $50,000 work in India known as the Bengal-Orissa Mission. But through certain subtle negotiations, of which space will not permit a discussion here, this work was lost to what is known as the Northern Baptists in about the year 1910. Since that time (until very recent years) our foreign mission work has been very meager. But we are experiencing a revival in a most wonderful way in the missionary department of our church. This might well be called a great modern missionary movement among Free Will Baptists. At the National Association, held in Columbus, Mississippi, in July, 1942, the largest offering ever given in our history at any one time for Free Will Baptist Missions was received at one evening service. It was a bright day for Free Will Baptists when Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey came into our ranks and volunteered their service for missionary work in Latin America. It was another bright day when Miss Laura Belle Barnard answered the call of God and said, "I will go to India." It was still another bright day when Miss Bessie Yeley arose, over in southern Ohio, and stepped out as a Free Will Baptist representative in distant lands. Since these have stepped out, many others have volunteered their service, and our people have awakened in an almost unbelievable way.

No church has any right to expect to be blessed of the Lord which does not have the missionary spirit; while the church which carries out the Great Commission will most certainly be blessed of Him.

May we, as a denomination, never become materialistic minded or self-centered, but ever have a burning compassion for the lost of the WHOLE WORLD.

This pamphlet is presented to you with a prayer that it will serve to kindle a missionary flame in your heart.



Rev. Robert Crawford, *National Executive Secretary*

India

In the consideration of Free Will Baptist Missions, the name of Miss Laura Belle Barnard and that of India immediately become inseparable. Miss Barnard went to India as a representative of the Free Will Baptist Church in 1935. She spent five years on the field, which is the usual time limit for a missionary without taking a furlough for rest, returning home in 1940. God greatly blessed her work while there, and before her the door of opportunity swung wide open for Free Will Baptists to launch a great work in that needy land.

Miss Barnard spent the five years working in the extreme southern part of India with the Kota tribe, near Kotagiri. A small but very worthy school was established, and a building was erected.

During the years of her work, she gave due study to the entire expanse of the Indian mission field in view of a section where Free Will Baptists might launch a work directly in the name of our Church. A section known as Purnea District, in the Bihar Province, northeast India, presented itself as being a very needy field. Just before returning to the States, she made an investigating tour in that district, and as concerning the needs and opportunities she found them even greater than had been anticipated. She was informed the district has two and one fourth millions of people without a Protestant Missionary among them. Miss Barnard, even though under great physical strain, proceeded to take all necessary official and legal steps in order to gain permission for our people to enter and launch a work in Purnea District. Our Church was graciously granted the privilege. As recently as October, 1942, a cablegram from India stated that the opportunity is yet ours.

Miss Barnard returned to the States for rest and to secure workers to take back to Purnea District, intending to stay in the States only one year. In the meantime, the war situation became such that it was impossible to secure passage to India. Therefore, she has been spending her time in the States working diligently in the interest of our missionary program. Though her heart has been in India, she has done great good in the interest of missions at home: having taught the Missionary Course in our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee during the past year.

The work and the school which was left at Kotagiri is yet active, and is being carried on by a Rev. H. M. Clay. Our National Foreign Mission Board sends money occasionally to help him keep the work going.

As to Miss Barnard's return to India, new assurance has been given recently. Quoting from a letter she received from the Department of State, "The Department is prepared to provide you with passport facilities for travel to India." So she is now making preparation to return to that great mission field.

Miss Barnard's home is at Glennville, Georgia. She has borne a worthy record in our midst, and merits our very best in support of her and her work. As she goes, may we not fail our responsibility.

Cuba

About the year 1940, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, representatives of the Free Will Baptist Church, went into Cuba. For about a year, they worked with the Cuban Evangelization Association with headquarters in Jaruco, Havana Province. This work is under the control of Reverends Hugh and Samuel Pain and their mother, who are real people of God.

Rev. and Mrs. Willey, desiring to establish something on the Island in the name of their own Church, called for a deputation party from the States to go down and aid them in deciding on a field. In February, 1942, a group of five representative ministers spent ten days on the Island looking over the field with the Willeys. It was decided that Brother and Sister Willey should move into the western most province of the Island, known as the province of Pinar Del Rio, and launch a work for the Free Will Baptists. This they did in the spring of 1942, and since that time the work has been growing in leaps and bounds.

As the work continued to grow, churches were established, baptismal services were held, native ministers began coming in with the groups, the missionaries began to feel the need of the organization of an Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. Rev. Henry Melvin of Nashville, Tenn., was authorized by the National Foreign Mission Board to go down and assist in the organization. Rev. Melvin went down early in February, 1943, and on the 14th day of that month, the first Free Will Baptist Association was perfected on the Island of Cuba which is known as the Free Will Baptist Association in Pinar Del Rio.

To summarize the blessings of God upon the work as evidenced in numbers, the following is given: number of native preachers, 6; number of Bible women, 1; number of organized churches, 5; number of preaching points, aside from organized churches, 34; number of horses, 8; number of saddles, 7; number of benches furnished at various preaching points, 60; number of baptized believers, 76; number of probationers awaiting baptism, more than 200; number of prospective students for training in Christian service, 15; area being evangelized, approximately 100 miles. Truly we have much for which to be thankful as we realize these figures represent something of the tangible blessings of God upon the work over a period of only nine (9) months.

Cuba is near us. War conditions do not prevent us from getting missionaries and materials there like has been the case in India. It is only one and one half hours, or ninety minutes, from Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, by Pan American Airways: yet being such a very short distance from us, there are many people on the Island, especially in the province where our missionaries are working, who have never heard of the man Christ Jesus. What a shameful reflection this is upon the Church of Jesus Christ, and yet what a challenge to us at this hour. The writer never saw such great spiritual hunger evidenced as during his short stay on the Island in 1942. Great masses of people were eager to hear the gospel—ready to accept Christ. As in the days of the apostles, "they receive the word with gladness of heart."

Rev. and Mrs. Willey are very capable missionaries to the Latin Americans, having had experience in missionary work in South America, Panama, and, to date, over two years in Cuba. Their membership in the States has been with the Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. They are laboring hard in Cuba to take care of the work which God so graciously intrusted in their care. May we not fail them in hearty support for they indeed are worthy.

The Willey Children
Our Future Missionaries

Our Missionary pamphlet would by no means be complete without mentioning Tommy and Barbara Willey. Tommy is 10 years old and Barbara is 8. They have been in school for the past year in the Hampden Dudose Academy at Orlando, Florida; but we are happy to announce that arrangements are being made to send a teacher to Cuba for the purpose of teaching children, and Tommy and Barbara will be among the number, thereby enabling them and their parents to be together. Tommy has been converted to Christ and baptized, and has had a great deal of experience traveling with his father by plane, by boat, and in fact most every way. Each of the children speak Spanish fluently.

In a very great sense, these children are your children. We hope and believe that in them we have two future missionaries. Keep these children on your hearts.

Bessie Yeley
Missionary to Cuba

Miss Bessie Yeley has been working in Venezuela, South America for several years under the auspices of Mid Missions, but being supported by our Board. There being little opportunity for her to extend the influence of her Church there, she returned to the States in August, 1942, with hopes of entering Cuba. After several months of visiting in the States, during which she was doing itinerary work in various sections, she has been sent to Cuba to aid Brother and Sister Willey in their strenuous work on the Island. She left for Cuba on June 12, 1943.

Miss Yeley rose to prominence in the denomination from among the Free Will Baptists of southern Ohio. She bears the best of record from her home church and community, and is certainly worthy of our hearty support. She is filled with the Spirit of the Lord, speaks Spanish well, and therefore promises to be a blessing to the work in Cuba.

Looking Forward—Our Missionary Hopes and Prospects

We hope to soon have a splendid group of workers in Purnea District in India. We have capable workers who have said they are ready to go any time world conditions will permit, and our people make it financially possible. We believe God is going to move upon the hearts of

our people to move forward and develop this great and needy field.

We hope to cover the island of Cuba, especially the Province of Pinar Del Rio. We have hopes of soon establishing a Bible School there. We hope to send other missionaries to Cuba, and we have great hopes of a far greater number of native Free Will Baptist ministers to carry the gospel to their own people.

We expect our established work in Cuba to very conveniently serve as a kind of "spring board" from which we shall delve into many more Latin American countries which afford ripened fields for missionary effort. From Cuba, the Lord willing, we shall move on through Central America, Panama, and on into South America carrying the precious Word of Life.

We have hopes of our people responding even in a greater way than ever before to Free Will Baptist Missions. Recent response and signs of missionary zeal among our people give us great hopes of wonderful things ahead.

For Your Assurance

Your money is handled carefully, and disbursed cautiously at the vote of your Foreign Mission Board. The actions of the Board, of course, are subject to the approval or disapproval of the National Association of Free Will Baptists while in session. No large salaries are paid out of your foreign mission contributions to any secretary or official on the home front. We strive for a maximum of the application of your dollars on the foreign field. We are ready to stand between you and your missionaries and the spreading of the gospel; but we can do but little for them except as you enable us. We rest in confidence that you will do that. Let us continue to PRAY and GIVE while our missionaries are willing to GO.

THE JOY CLUB'S SUNDAY BROADCAST

"By Christian Young People—For Young and Old

Every Sunday, 3:00 P. M. (E. W. T.) Station W. F. T. C., Kinston, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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A MESSAGE TO DISTRICT SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Perhaps I should make some kind of an apology to our District Second Vice-Presidents for the delay in presenting some plans for the Educational Program, of which we are responsible. I have had this work on my mind ever since our State Auxiliary Convention, when I was elected to the office of Second Vice-President, and had hoped to have something definite to place before you, before this. I have, however, waited until after the annual meeting of our National Auxiliary Convention in order that I might be better equipped to offer suggestions that would enable us to do some very concrete work during the coming year.

I have not yet worked out such plans in detail, but as a "starter," I am urging that we give the "Training of our Youth" more prayerful consideration than we have here-to-fore. Since we must all realize something of the great havoc that is being made among them, as a whole, owing to war conditions and the fact that many mothers are working in Defense plants, and otherwise engaged in occupations that cause a large number of the youth of our land to be without parental guidance or Christian training, we must therefore accept a greater responsibility toward them. As one of the best projects we could sponsor in their behalf, I think that this will become one of our greatest goals this year, for surely each of us have their welfare at heart, especially their spiritual growth and training.

I am also calling attention to our Anna Phillips Loan Fund. Each Auxiliary should have one of these Posters in their church. Each Poster holds Twenty Dollars worth of stamps. If all of our Auxiliaries were filling just one of these each year, just think how much we would have in our treasury to loan out to our orphan boys and girls who desire a higher education after leaving the Orphanage, besides the amount we could loan to other worthy young people to help them in their College work. We have already several instances we could cite of the good that has been done through this avenue. So, let me urge the District Second Vice-Presidents to take this matter up at once among the Auxiliaries in your district and place as many Posters as possible.

Another great help we need to stress is that of Daily Bible reading and study. We cannot hope to lead others toward a higher plane of Christian living until we know, through the study of the Word, through prayer and earnest consecration to the Master's cause, the higher life of Christian service ourselves.

I shall give only a few needs of our Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., at this time, as I plan to go more in detail later, but in order that you may begin planning for some specific work in behalf of the School, I will say that having had the privilege and pleasure of visiting the School on my recent visit to Nashville, I found that they are in need of a well equipped library, a well furnished reception room, several bed rooms need furnishings and other accessories could be used conveniently, so I hope we will keep these items in mind and plan to have some part in this great work.

I shall endeavor to outline these needs more in detail later on, when I hope to have the co-operation of each one in carrying out some form of campaign for the good of our school, of which we should all feel proud.

Let us be much in prayer, that the Lord may lead us out into greater undertakings for Him and for the promotion of His cause.

Yours to serve,
Mrs. J. C. Griffin,
Second Vice-President of
the State Auxiliary of N. C.

MARY'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

Coeburn, Virginia

Mary's Chapel Women's Auxiliary report from January 22, through June.

Our Auxiliary holds its regular monthly meeting at the church.

The meetings for the past six months are as follows:

Jehoiada Chest turned in ____$86.82

Expenses are:

Orphanage _____	$ 6.00
Fannie Polston _____	6.00
Church Repair _____	23.75
Given to Pastor ____	32.00
Mrs. McAdams _____	3.00
Gifts and Baskets __	3.45
Penny Jars— F. S. Van Hoose __	8.33
Total _____	$82.43

Flower Treasure _____$12.11

Activities

No. Chapters read in Bible ___989

No. prayer meetings and meetings attended _____72

No. sick visits _____162

Trays and baskets _____25

Mrs. Mabel Lundy, President,
Mary Kate Culbertson,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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SOME NEEDS FOR THE MISSION FIELD

By Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,
Bridgeton, North Carolina

Dear Co-Workers:

It has been quite a while since you have heard from the State Third Vice-President, but don't think for one moment that I have lost interest in the mission work. I hold in my possession some very interesting news about the Foreign Mission work in Cuba. I am sure you have been reading in the papers about how our work is growing in Cuba. We say, "Praise the Lord for Brother and Sister Willey," for they are doing a fine work in that land.

We are happy to announce that they are planning to open a Bible School in September in Cuba for the purpose of training native Christian workers. They are now in the states for a short time and are planning to fly back to Cuba around the first of September. They have stated some needs of the school that we women of North Carolina can easily supply, I am quite sure. But listen, Third Vice-Presidents, we must act quickly, for we have only the month of August in which to get these things together. We want them ready for them to take back with them when they return to Cuba.

The list of things we want to get together are as follows: 12 single blankets, 24 single sheets, 24 pillow cases, 3 dozen knives and forks and teaspoons, 1 dozen table spoons, and good second hand **Dresses and Suits.**

We are also asked to double the Jehoiada Chest funds. In cases in which auxiliaries have been sending $1.00 per month, we are to send $2.00 per month to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie E. Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee. You can readily see that this is not beyond our strength to give to such a worthy cause. So, come on and let us get busy, and do our very best for this great cause.

We are asking from the Central District the donation of the 12 single blankets; from the Western District, we are asking for the 24 single sheets; from the Cape Fear District, we are asking for the 24 pillow cases. (You of the Cape Fear may invite the Albemarle District to assist you with the pillow cases.) The Eastern District, we are asking for the 3 dozen knives, forks and teaspoons, and 1 dozen tablespoons. Now, anyone who has second hand dresses and suits can contribute to this cause. This is not confined to any certain district. There is no special amount of these to be given, but anyone can share in giving to this great need.

Remember, I am depending upon you Third Vice-Presidents of these districts to get busy and co-labor with me in the getting together these things from the local societies. You may price your items and figure the total cost divided between the local societies. When the local society learns what it is to do, it will not be long filling the order.

Please, Third Vice-Presidents, do not delay any time, but get busy and let us complete this job before the Willeys have to return to Cuba. I believe it will save time for the Third Vice-Presidents of these districts to collect from their local societies the price of their item, and she purchase her allotted amount, so that the item will not be so different, and too there may be a little saving, if one person does the buying. Then, all from your district will be sent to me in one box or bundle. My plan is to collect these things together, then ship them all together from North Carolina.

Please write plainly on your box or package your name and address, and also the name of your District. Try to have all of them into my hands by the 20th of August. I will hold over until the 25th before shipping to the Willeys in Florida. Remember the second hand dresses and suits, and material for dresses, and I will collect these from the individuals. Here is my plan in collecting them: Anyone can send to me your package at any time from now to August 25, and I will gladly acknowledge the receipt of the same, and report each package in my final report. Remember, my address is: Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Bridgeton, N. C.

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REPORT OF OAK GROVE AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church met at the church on July 7, at 5:00 P. M. Mrs. Kermit West conducted this meeting, and Rev. M. L. Johnson led the devotions. The first part of the program, "Carrying out the Great Commission" was featured by Mesdames N. R. Lewis, Bryan Bizzell and Mrs. Minot Godwin. The opening song used was "Rescue the Perishing."

During the program Misses Alta White Lee and Maggie Elmore sang a duet. There were fourteen members present and twelve visitors from Shady Grove auxiliary. Two cards had been sent to the sick, four trays, and some flowers had been sent to two sick people. One new member joined our auxiliary at this meeting. There were 52 chapters read from the Bible during the past month.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

(See Auxiliary Page 15)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

GOD SHOWS HIS PEOPLE THE WAY

(Lesson for August 8)

Lesson: Exod. 13: 17-22; 15: 17-22a.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"The Lord is my Strength and Song; and He is become my Salvation" (Exo. 15: 2).

The Turks, having tortured and slain the parents of a little Armenian girl before her eyes, turned to the child and said, "Will you renounce your faith in Jesus and live?" She replied, "I will not." "Then to the dogs!" She was thrown into a kennel of savage and famished dogs and left there. The next morning they came and looked in to see the little girl on her knees praying, and beside her the largest and most savage of all the dogs snapping at every dog that ventured near, thus protecting the child. The men ran away terrified, crying out, "There is a God here! There is a God here!"—Sunday School Times.

I have never read any reference to music in hell; have you? Yet the Book of Revelation is heavily dotted with the record of the songs which the redeemed will sing in Heaven. The song of the Lamb is a continuation of one which we sing here, and is concerned with a fountain, filled with Blood, that has power to cleanse the guilty. No wonder Heaven is characterized by song! Devils never sing; angels cannot refrain from so doing.

For **song** belongs to all those who can say in the words of this text: "He is become my salvation." Three things cry for emphasis here concerning our God:

He is my Strength;
He is my Song;
He is my Salvation.

They belong together. Because God is strong, He **can** save; and because He has saved, He is our Song! Open your lips and let it pour forth. Let your very lives and actions be a daily hymn of praise that will set others singing the same way!

II. Home Work

First read chapters 13 to 15 of the Book of Exodus. Then study the lesson comments in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for the helps you need.

1. Under what conditions do we need guidance? (Exo. 33: 12, 13; Ps. 48: 14; Job. 19: 8).

2. On whom can we depend to show us the right way? (Ps. 25: 4; 16: 11; Jer. 42: 3).

3. How sure can we be that the Lord will guide us? (Ps. 32: 8; 73: 24; Is. 58: 11).

4. Through whom and by what means does guidance come? (John 16: 13; Ps. 119: 105).

5. What promise is given to us for the night? (Ps. 27: 1; 97: 1; John 1: 4, 9).

6. How do clouds benefit us spiritually? (Job. 36: 28-30; Ps. 104: 3; Lu. 9: 35).

7. In what way does our enemy sometimes attack us? (Ps. 74: 18; Is. 59: 19; Ps. 71: 10; 143: 3).

8. How will God deal with our enemies? (Ps. 3: 7; 68: 21; 72: 9; 136: 24; Lu. 1: 71).

9. By what means can we be overcomers? (I Jn. 5: 4; Rev. 12: 11).

10. What does God expect from us after we have been victorious? (Ps. 50: 15; Exo. 15: 21; Ps. 44: 7, 8).

III. Heart of the Lesson

The Lord's presence with **His people** is the central point in our lesson, for it was the fact of His presence being with them which **saved** them from the hand of their enemies (Exo. 15: 11-13). His presence was symbolized "in a pillar of a cloud" to **lead** them in the way by day, and "in a pillar of fire" to give them light by night (13: 21). Of the pillar of the cloud we are told "it came **between** the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night" (14: 20). The dark cloud signified the **wrath of God** against the Egyptians, and the light by night was the sign of His **favor** to the Israelites. His face is against them that do evil (Ps. 34: 16). He makes their way to be dark and, slippery (35: 6; 82: 5) covering them with the shadow of death (Jer. 13: 16). But He lifts up the light of His countenance upon His people, and makes their darkness to be **light** (Is. 42: 16; Mic. 7: 8). He hears their cries out of the cloud in "the secret place of thunder" (comp. Ps. 18: 11; 44: 3; 81: 7; 97: 2). Because He was with His people, the waters could not overwhelm them (Josh. 24: 6, 7). Thus to His own people God is light, protection, shelter, friendship, help. To the impenitent the thought of God always brings terror and alarm, and this reveals itself very often in resentment and hate against God. To the unbeliever death is a dark cloud, but to the believer it is a glorious radiance of Divine love. In these days of grace, God has revealed Himself through the Son. "He that hath seen Me," said Christ, "hath seen the Father" (John 14: 9). It has not been our privilege to gaze upon Him who was very God, but it is our privilege to enjoy His **spiritual presence** (Mat. 28: 20). He no longer guides by the pillar of cloud, but He guides us through **His Spirit within us,** and illumines our way in the dark days of adversity (John 14: 16, 17; 16: 7, 13). We experience the inward presence of Christ, and are deeply conscious of His nearness in the home, the secret place, the sanctuary, the countryside, the office, store, or factory.

—Selected.

"Far away in the depths of my spirit to-night,
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls,

"I am resting to-night in this wonderful peace,

I have yielded to Jesus' control;
For I'm kept from all danger by night and by day,
And His glory is filling my soul!"

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina Association

More About the National Association

Among the many things done by the National Association in its recent sitting in the city of Nashville, Tenn., was the adoption of a constitution to set up a Minister's Protection Benefit for the National Board of Superannuation.

Preamble

Whereas, The establishment and maintenance of a Minister's Protection Benefit has become the accepted obligation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, and the administration of this Benefit has been assigned, by constitutional provision, to the National Board of Superannuation; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of government and regulation for said Superannuation Board in its management of this Benefit throughout the National Association.

Article I

This Board of Superannuation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said National Association: Clyde Goen, Bryan, Texas; A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia; Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Missouri; Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia; and E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Georgia.

Article II

It shall be the purpose of this Board of Superannuation to promote and regulate, without profits or commissions, the writing of all-purposes life insurance on insurable Free Will Baptist ministers of the National Association on a basis of 50 per cent of the cost maintenance being paid by the Board and 50 per cent by the insured. Insurance shall be issued only to qualified applicants and shall not be subject to cancellation, surrender, encumbrance, or conversion without the approval of the Board of Superannuation, and then, only 50 per cent of the cash or loan value shall be subject to encumbrance or surrender.

Article III

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted.

For lack of space and in order to hit at some other things that we want to go into our Notes and Quotes we will refrain from giving more of the Constitution as proposed and which was passed by vote of the National Association.

But we wish to say that the time has come, if the States join in the movement, when Free Will Baptist ministers can prepare something for old age, through the Board of Superannuation that will be the means of helping, the whole year around, the insured to receive an income, that will be more than a little "hand-out" two or three times a year or perhaps as a "Christmas gift." While the "hand-outs" have their place among the worn-out and have brought a degree of comfort and blessing to those who have been benefitted thereby, but they are, and will be inadequate to meet the needs of one who is unable to earn a livelihood, so let us hope that the newly arranged plan will be received by the ministers as a whole and that the churches will get behind the superannuation movement and be able to look after those ministers who are too old to get insurance or for any reason should not be insured.

The State Association of N. C.

It is less than two months now until the time that the State Association is scheduled to meet in its annual session, which is to convene in the town of Middlesex, Nash County. Every church Clerk should look in the back of the 1942 minute and get that blank and fix the letter for the local congregation accordingly. Every blank should be filled in with information as provided in this letter. Every church should make report. Let us hope that every association of Free Will Baptists in the State will join in and become a member of the 1943 session. We have several associations in North Carolina that do not affiliate themselves with the State body. As Field Secretary we are insisting that every Free Will Baptist minister in the State who can do so attend, and become an active member of the State Association. Great things are to be done in the Association this year, as a part of the National Association, and the ministers should be the leading persons in the great movement that has become a part of the life and activities of the Free Will Baptist denomination through its State and National Associations. Let us begin to plan and pray much for the success of the State Association in the year of 1943.

The Church Finance Association, Inc.

In the month of August, North Carolina Free Will Baptists are invited to subscribe to the Church Finance Association, Inc., of North Carolina, for the purpose of helping to build churches where they are needed and are not able to build without borrowing money. In a later issue we will tell you more about the Church Finance Association, Inc., but we wish to say, that to our mind, there is a great work being done among Free Will Baptists in North Carolina through the Finance Association, and a greater work can be done if our ministers and churches will take hold of the opportunity which is being offered by the association.

I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn. Zech. 12: 10.

Boys and Girls Corner

ELIJAH, THE MAN OF GOD

Long, long ago, in the land of Israel, there was a wicked king named Ahab. His wife, Jezebel, was even worse than he was. She had come from a country where God was not known, and had brought with her an idol named Baal and hundreds of priests who tried to make all the children of Israel stop worshiping God and pray to their idol. When God's prophets sought to call the people to worship, Jezebel and Ahab would send soldiers to kill them. Very many of those who loved God and refused to bow to the idol Baal were put to death.

There was one prophet of God, though, whom Jezebel hated most of all, but she had been unable to kill him. He was Elijah, one of God's most faithful servants. He lived alone in the wilderness.

One day God told Elijah to go to the court of King Ahab and tell that wicked king that for three years there would be no rain in Israel, as a punishment for his sins.

Boldly Elijah went on his errand. He stood before Ahab unafraid and spoke as God had bidden him.

The king cried out in rage. He motioned for his servants to seize this intruder who, dressed in a great sheepskin coat, and with his hair hanging loose, dared come into the king's presence and threaten the land with drouth and famine. But Elijah had left before the astonished servants could take him prisoner. He hurried to a hiding-place in the wilderness down by the brook Cherith, where he lived while God sent the terrible dry season upon the land of Israel. There he drank from the brook, and every morning and evening ravens brought him food, so that God took care of Elijah while the wicked Israelites were hungry and thirsty.

Finally, even the brook of Cherith, beside which Elijah lived, became just a muddy pool. Soon it would disappear, but Elijah was not frightened. He knew that God would provide for him. Then God's word came, bidding him to go to the city of Zarephath and there he would find a widow, who would give him food.

Elijah found the woman just outside of the city gate. She was gathering up sticks to build a fire. When the prophet asked her to bring him a bite to eat, and a drink, she said: 'As Jehovah thy God liveth, I have only a handful of meal and a little oil. Behold, I am preparing now to cook the last food my son and I have to eat."

"Fear not," said Elijah; "give me first a portion and afterwards prepare a meal for thee and thy son, for God has said, The jar of meal and the bottle of oil will never be empty until God sends rain again."

For a long, long time Elijah lived at the home of the widow, and through God's goodness, every day, they found plenty of food and drink in the jar and the bottle to keep them alive.

One day the little boy fell sick. In spite of all his mother's care he became worse and worse. Soon he was dead. The poor mother was heartbroken. Elijah took the body of the lifeless child from her arms and carried it up to his room. There he prayed earnestly: "Oh Jehovah, my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul return to him."

God heard the prayer of His prophet. After a little, Elijah came down to where the mother was weeping. In his arms was a living child, well and strong again.

"See, thy son liveth," said Elijah to the poor woman. As she clasped her child in her arms the mother cried: "Now I know that thou art a true prophet sent from God."

—Daring to Do Right by Standard Publishing Company.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. Tit. 3: 8.

HE LEADS US ON

By Rev. Henry Johnson

He leads us on in days when sun doth shine
And all of life is full of joy divine,
When friends are true and earth a blissful song
And not a note discordant is, or wrong;
And when the day is run,
He still doth lead us on.

He leads us on in ways we cannot see,
He never fails to lead both you and me;
E'en though the path be often dark and drear,
And temptor's voice doth sound to mock and sneer;
Yet when the night is done,
We find He leads us on.

He leads us on through life's tempestuous day,
No angel fair e'er trod more happy way;
And when the morn eternal to us dawns,
We'll sing His praises in enraptured songs;
He ever leads us on,
Thank God, His will is done.

OF LITTLE FAITH

By Thomas Rice

O thou of little faith!
And thou wouldst doubt!
And yet hast seen the sun rise o'er the sea
Or climb a mountaintop in glorious majesty!
And on through golden noon
Until at eve the brilliance of its setting
Betokens night!
And the enchanted moon
With countless stars studs the heavens
In the vast silence of God's might!

O thou of little faith!
Yet with thine eyes thou seest all about thee
The marvels of God's hand,
Impossible for man to understand!

The very flowers by the roadside
So delicately fair,
Tinted beyond the skill of human art!
And thou wouldst dare
To challenge such mute evidence
That God is there!
O thou of little faith!

WHEN GOD COMES CLOSEST TO MAN

I walked through a lovely garden
One golden twilight hour,
And I seemed to feel God's presence
In each exquisite flower:
Surrounded by such loveliness
This thought was born to me—
Of all things, God, 'tis beauty
That brings us closest to Thee.

I held this belief for years,
Then I found that I was wrong,
Another twilight hour,
When I sang my babe a song—
I seemed to feel God's nearness
As I rocked my baby boy—
Then I thought beauty brings
God close, but not so close as joy.

Another day, sorrow came,
And lifting my heart above,
I found both peace and comfort
Because of His boundless love—
To bring God close to us,
Joy and beauty go hand in hand,
But it is when one suffers
That He comes closest to man.

Annie Gill Smith

TOO LATE I STAYED

Too late I stayed—forgive the crime!
Unheeded flew the hours;
How noiseless falls the foot of Time
That only treads on flowers!

And who, with clear account, remarks
The ebbings of his glass,
When all its sands are diamond sparks,
That dazzle as they pass?

O, who to sober measurement
Times happy swiftness brings,
When birds of paradise have lent
Their plumage to his wings?

—William Robert Spencer

AUXILIARY

P. S.—About twenty years ago, we had a fine Aid society, as it was then called, but as many of our ladies married and families moved away, we finally let it drop until last spring. We organized anew then and are now doing a good work.—A. M.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT CAMP LEACH

The Reverend Bob Woolley, now acting pastor of the Edgemont F. W. B. Church, will conduct evangelistic services at the Young People's Camp each evening, from August 1 through 6. The Reverend Leonard Earl Harris, of Chicago, Illinois, will direct the music. Mrs. L. E. Ballard and others will render special musical numbers in song each evening. Those interested are cordially invited to go down to Camp Leach, and worship with the Campers in these evening services.

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LEAGUERS, TAKE NOTE!

If you have not sent your application blank and the $2.00 registration fee, please go on to Camp prepared to register there, and to pay the full amount of $8.00. Take with you the necessary personal effects which you think you will need. Remember, you are to arrange your own means of travel to and from Camp. However, should someone take bus to Washington, and have not any way to get down to Camp Leach Sunday evening, please call Camp Director over telephone at Camp Leach. You will soon be met at the bus station or place designated by you.

Camp Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, will begin its revival, Providence permitting, on August 8 and continue through the 15. The visiting minister will be the Reverend J. B. Ferrell of Elm City, North Carolina.

Brother Ferrell was with us last year and we enjoyed an old-fashioned revival. We are asking all Christians who read the Baptist paper to be much in prayer for our meeting that the Lord might draw His people back closer to Him, and that the hearts of the unsaved might be stirred in such a way as to cry out for salvation, as the jailer of old.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Rev. Paul Jenkins, Pastor,
Kannapolis, N. C., Route 1

MOTHER

The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,
The holiest words my tongue can frame,
Unworthy are to praise the name
More sacred than all other.
An infant, when her love first came,
A man, I find it just the same;
Reverently I breathe her name,
The blessed name of mother.

—George Griffith Fetter.

MORNING

Will there really be a morning?
Is there such a thing as day?
Could I see it from the mountains
If I were as tall as they?
Has it feet like water lilies?
Has it feathers like a bird?
Is it brought from famous countries
Of which I've never heard?
Oh, some scholar, oh some sailor,
Oh some wise man from the skies,
Please to tell a little pilgrim,
Where the place called morning lies.

—Emily Dickinson

TO THE END

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

—John E. Bode

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Thursday, August 5, Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C.

Friday, August 6, Goshen Grove, Belmont, N. C.

Saturday, August 7, Washington St. F. W. B. Church, Gastonia, N. C.

Sunday, August 8, Rhyne St. Church, Gastonia, N. C.

Monday, August 9, Fairview No. 1, Caroleen, N. C.

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A business man who was a chronic addict of the worrying habit, determined to find out what he was fretting about, so he made an analysis of his worries.

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The Christian can beat that—and do as the Word commands: "Be anxious (worry) about NOTHING." How, you say, is that possible? The rest of Philippians 4: 6, 7, tells us. In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." So, the Christian's secret is: Prayer, with thanksgiving, telling God about every need and every problem, and leaving all with HIM, in quiet faith and assurance, without fretfulness or worry! THEN, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4: 6, 7).

—In Christian Victory

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There Is a Green Hill Far Away

There is a green hill far away,
  Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
  Who died to save us all.

Chorus

Oh dearly, dearly has he loved
  And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
  And try his works to do.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
  What pains he had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
  He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven
  He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
  Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
  To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
  Of heaven and let us in.

—Cecil Frances Alexander

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EDITORIAL

BIBLE SCHOOL PROPOSED IN CUBA

In the recent session of the National Association which met in Nashville, Tennessee, steps were taken to set in motion a drive for funds to establish a Bible School in Cuba in which to train native workers in the mission field in that land. The work has grown so rapidly under the leadership of Brother and Mrs. Willey that it is very necessary for a Bible School to be established as soon as sufficient funds can be raised to meet this great need.

There could be no better time in the history of the Free Will Baptist denomination than now for the church people over these United States to rally to this great need, and raise a large sum of money to build the Bible School in Cuba. There is more money in circulation among the people, as a whole in this country, than there has ever been in the history of this nation, and certainly the church people can give liberally of their means to make this school a reality within a very short time.

God will certainly bless every minister, each church member and all league and Sunday School workers, as well as the Auxiliary workers, who will open their hearts and give cheerfully to this needy cause. Conferences, Union meetings, District and State Associations can and will, we believe, rally to this call, and vote to give large sums of money out of their treasuries, to the support of this project. The ministers, let us hope, will take the matter up with their churches, and urge fine donations for the Cuban Bible School. All working together will be able to raise a nice sum of money and have the school established within a few months, let us hope, so that adequate training will be furnished all native workers who desire better training for the Master's cause.

THE NASHVILLE BIBLE COLLEGE

From all reports, the outlook for a splendid opening this fall is now showing up well. A large number of students, it is expected, will be in attendance at the Bible College in September. The faculty has been well chosen for the work it is understood, and plans are being set in order for a fine opening for the fall term of school.

Inasmuch as the need is great for the training of more ministers and Christian workers in the Free Will Baptist denomination, all ministers and church workers should do all they can to make the Nashville School a great success by giving to it their financial support and encouraging young men and women to attend the Nashville Bible College. There are quite a few churches in the various states that are standing in need today of well qualified ministers to pastor them, and to carry the work forward in a good way. There is great need of better trained Sunday School leaders and league directors for the young people of the church. Accordingly, the Nashville Bible college is planning to give such training as is needed to enable the church people to meet these needs. Certainly the opening is large in each state where the Free Will Baptist church is going forward with its work of spreading the gospel of Christ.

BUILD A LITTLE FENCE

Build a little fence of trust
  Around today;
Fill the space with loving work
  And therein stay;
Look not between the sheltering bars
  Upon tomorrow,
But take whatever comes to thee,
  Of joy or sorrow.

—Mary F. Butts

A. R. FLOWERS ON LEAVE

Prof. A. R. Flowers will be away from the Orphanage and our town until September 1st.

This most highly qualified teacher has had years of experience as a teacher and leader; having spoken from the pulpits and platforms of seventeen different denominations. He is a real enthusiastic, unselfish Christian worker in our town.

He is deeply interested in the Orphanage and the work carried on there. He said that a group of the most care-worn women he knows may be found at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. They are trying, as best they can, to cooperate with Superintendent Evans; who is handicapped for the lack of enough local help to make the work less strenuous, and enough fervency of spirit in the public, as a whole, to lend a helping hand.

Mrs. Mereta K. Bunn,
Middlesex, N. C.

YES, I LOVE MY DAD

I love my Mother dearly,
  She's sweet as she can be;
I think of many hours
  She's worried over me.

But what about my Daddy?
  I love him just as well;
The love I have for both of them
  No human heart can tell.

Some people praise Mother,
  And never speak of Dad;
But take it to yourself and think
  It hurts him mighty bad.

Oh! yes, I love my Daddy,
  And I can truly say;
If there ever was a Christian
  My Daddy's one today.

By Mrs. Lemmie Taylor,
Richlands, N. C., Route 2

One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Isa. 44: 5.

"Nevertheless at Thy Will"

By Mrs. Emma Moore
327 N. Grand East
Springfield, Ill.

These are the words of Simon Peter, as found in Luke 5: 5. When Jesus sought to teach both His early followers, as well as the people of today, He used lessons out of their own experiences to teach them spiritual truths. He entered into Simon's ship because He knew the heart of Simon, as it was open for a lesson. I can imagine that Simon did a fast job in washing his nets, and quickly went back to the boat to hear Jesus preach.

When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a drought." Peter recognized Christ as Master of any situation, and though he said, "We have toiled all night and have caught nothing," isn't it true that many have toiled for years and have caught no one for Christ?

Christ's word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. By Him all things were made, and by the Word all things consist, for in Him is life. Peter had faith in Jesus' words, and he acted upon Christ's words. So great was the catch of fishes that they had to call for their partners to come and help them. If ever we need deep-water fishing, it is now, for the depth of sin is so great that more efforts must be put forth for the salvation of lost souls.

Christ said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." There is no wonder that He said unto Simon, "Fear not." He is saying today unto us, "Fear not." Let us remember, it was not by might nor by power of man but by the Holy Spirit that the Red Sea parted to allow the Children of Israel to cross over to the other side. At the Word of the Lord, Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a great strong east wind, and Pharaoh's army was drowned in the sea. God's power overcame the enemy, the evil one. Remember, Moses' will was to do the will of God, and to save the people from the hand of Pharaoh.

The experience of Gideon was great, and the Lord let him to victory because he was willing to obey God's leadership. We of today are too prone to fish in shallow waters, but we should do as Jesus commanded Simon, "Launch out into the deep." If we were to believe God's Word today, as Peter believed Christ, we would be willing to undertake great things for God. Then there would be no question of results, for they would be beyond all expectation.

Really, do we recognize Jesus as Master of all? He has said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The word of the Lord was too hard for the rich young ruler to obey, when Christ commanded him to go and sell what he had, and to give to the poor. He was not willing to fully trust in Jesus, if he had he would not have gone away disappointed. No one has fully trusted Christ and have been disappointed. We walk by faith and not by sight.

The Apostle Peter used the Word of God in deep sea fishing on the day of Pentecost, and 3,000 souls were saved. And they were baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost. We are commanded to pray in secret, and the Lord has promised to reward us openly. As Christians, are we willing to obey this great command? The Bible says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55: 7).

When the Apostle Peter saw himself in the light of God's word, he exclaimed, "I am a sinful man." Yes, in the light of God's word we can find ourselves, and judge ourselves whether we are in the faith or not. If we are not as concerned for the lost as we should be, then we are backsliders and should repent of our slothfulness. If we have not obeyed His will, we are out of communion with God and the Holy Spirit. God's word tells us to return to Him and do the first works.

Dear reader friend, if you have never trusted Jesus, it is the greatest privilege of your life to do so now. Believe on Him with all your heart, and He will save you. Behold Him as God raised Him for our justification and He will save you.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

By Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Ala.

We greatly appreciate the way our people are sending in money for the Orphanage Property in Alabama. We certainly do hope you will put forth every effort possible to be with us on August, the Fifth Sunday, at the Orphanage. Remember, Eldridge, Alabama, is on U. S. Highway 78, from Birmingham, Alabama to Memphis, Tennessee, and on the Frisco Railroad, which goes the same way.

We are expecting to have services, beginning at 10:00 A. M., and there are two speakers on the program. We are expecting to have with us some fine singers to give us some splendid musical numbers.

We are happy to say that the Alabama people are responding in a great way to this wonderful cause. In fact, they have never responded so liberally to our church as they are to this Orphanage property to get it paid for as soon as possible. And we have received money from many friends in other states. The young people at Panama City, Florida, sent $40.00 for the Orphanage. Some friends at Bonifay, Florida, have already given on this cause. May others follow their example. We will be thankful indeed for anyone to help in this way.

THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(For North Carolina Free Will Baptists)

Geo. Webster. *President,* Washington, N. C.

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To the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

Since August is Church Finance month, in the Six Point Program of the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, I wish to offer some facts about the Church Finance Association, Inc., for the information of our people.

The Church Finance Association Inc. was organized in April of 1940. In September of 1940 it was made a part of the North Carolina State Association, and asked to promote the Church Extension work of this state. Its purpose is to finance Church building and repair and the purchase of Church equipment. In reality it is a Building and Loan Association within our own denomination. Its business is directed by Free Will Baptists elected by those who have invested their money in it. The treasurer is bonded by a Bonding Company. The books are audited each year and a complete report given its members. No officer of the Association receives a salary for his work. Those who serve give of their service just as the members of our other boards and committees. Every loan that is made is secured by proper papers on real estate. No loan is made for more than 60 per cent of the market value of the property. Any Free Will Baptist Church or Denominational Institution is entitled to receive a loan for building or repairing, or to purchase Church equipment. This, of course, is subject to the amount of money on hand at the time application is made. Each loan made by the Church Finance Association Inc. bears interest at the rate of 6 per cent. This interest is not received by any member, but instead it goes back into the fund to be used by others.

Since it was organized the Church Finance Association Inc. has made five loans totaling $5,177.45. These loans have earned in interest the amount of $407.80. To make these loans the Church Finance Association Inc. has borrowed some of the money. The interest that we have paid is 2 1-2 per cent. Interest earned by loans made to us for this period amounts to $180.03. Therefore by the operation of this Association the Denomination has saved during three years interest in the amount of $227.77. This money is still in our Denomination to be used for the advancement of our work. We realize that this is a small amount compared with the interest that has been paid by our people to banks, Building and Loan Associations, etc., but let us remember that the Church Finance Association is still young. This is only a token of what we may expect in the future if we are willing to support this worthy cause. Why should our Churches continue to pay interest to banks, etc., when it is possible for us to keep that interest in our own Denomination? We shall see greater things done by the Church Finance Association as we show our appreciation for it by supporting it. Many of our leading Ministers and Laymen believe that this is one of our greatest progressive moves in recent years.

No doubt you will want to know where the money comes from to make these loans. That is where you should come into the picture. You recall that I have already mentioned the fact that we have borrowed some money. This money has been borrowed from members of the Association who have such faith in it that they are willing to buy a membership and then loan it money to help get it started. We have borrowed this money for 2 1-2 per cent interest and it has earned 6 per cent for us. However, that is not the thing that we want to do. It is hoped that within a few years our people will support this program to the extent that we will be able to grant all loans asked for without borrowing any money.

The plan is for our people to buy memberships in the Association just as they have bought stock in our Printing Press. A life membership cost $25.00. When this amount has been paid a Certificate of Membership is issued and that person or organization is a member for life with the right to vote in the general meetings. If a person does not care to pay all of the $25.00 at one time he can pay a part of it and finish at a later time. While paying this amount he is a member of the Association. The business of the Association is directed by a board of directors elected by the members in their annual meeting just as the stockholders of the Press elect their board.

No one is asked to "give" their money to the Association, but to buy a membership in it. Each person who puts money into it becomes a part of it and helps control it. No person can receive a personal profit, it is a non-profit sharing organization. We put our money into it for the good of our Church and the general spread of the gospel of our Lord.

I would like to point out just here that those Churches that received an offering for the Association last year, still have that credit. It is hoped that you will add to that amount this year and complete your first $25.00.

I now give you a report of our membership up until the first of August. There are at present 125 members. Of this number there are 93 individuals, 12 ladies auxiliary organizations, 7 churches, 5 union meetings, 4 Sunday School organizations, 3 Conferences and Associations, and the F. W. B. Press. Some of these have paid only one dollar, while one man has paid $126.00. The total paid by these members is $2,225.12.

It is hoped that many more churches will become members during the month of August. Let us not fail in this great work.

I know that those people who do not know about this work will want to ask many questions. As treas-

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Macedonia Church Groups

Pastor and Church Officials

This is a group of some of the church officials and their pastor at Macedonia, Vanceboro, North Carolina. All the ladies in this group are teachers and leaders of the Young People's Leagues in the church. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Spencer, stands at one end of the group and Mr. Clyde Spruill, who is at the other end, is the Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is very active and is conducting a fine school for the good of the church and community. There are other leaders in the Sunday School and the Young People's Leagues who were unable to be present at the time this picture was taken, therefore, they are not shown here.

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Mrs. Spruill's League Class

In this picture you see a fine group of leaguers. Mrs. Clyde Spruill is their teacher, and they think she is very fine indeed. Several of these boys and girls made a profession of faith in Jesus as their personal Savious during the revival meeting, and were baptized and took membership in the church. Mrs. Spruill is happy to have these splendid boys and girls for her leaguers. They are doing a good work in the league and are looking forward to do more in the future.

They, too, took a good part in giving of their money to the Church Budget sometime ago when the pastor put on a special drive to raise funds for the carrying on of the church expenses. Whenever they are called upon for work, or anything to be done for their church, they are ready to do it for the glory of God.

Sunday School Group

This is a picture of the little folks of the Macedonia Sunday School. Not all of them are in the picture, as many could not be at church the day the picture was taken. However, these little children were very glad to have their picture taken to go in the Baptist paper. They have fine teachers to teach to them their lessons each Sunday morning. Many of them attend the leagues on Sunday evenings and stay over for church services after the leagues are over with their classes.

These small folks have been the means of getting other children living in the community to attend their Sunday School. They are quite alive and ready to do anything for the church and Sunday School whenever their superiors ask them to do something for the good of the church. They do think something of their church, league and Sunday School. Sometime back when the pastor put on a special offering drive on one Sunday for the Church Budget, these children brought their envelopes and contributed cheerfully to the church budget. They like to give to the cause of religious work.

Macedonia Choir

In this picture one will see a part of the choir members of Macedonia Church. Some of the members were not present to have their pictures made at the time this picture was taken.

The church has a very good choir, and the members take great delight in rendering fine music at each Sunday service. They recently purchased new hymnals for the church, and greater interest is being shown by the congregation in the song services. During the recent revival meeting which was held by Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston, North Carolina, the choir was assisted several evenings by having the "Gospel Quartet" from New Bern present to render special numbers for the revival services.

THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt upon my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

—Isaac Watts.

BEAVER CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention convened on Saturday, July 24, at 2:30 P. M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina. The convention opened with singing led by Rev. Snyder, and prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Benson, after which a fine talk was made by the pastor.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the reports of the Sunday Schools were received, read and accepted. Then a motion was made to take an offering in our business meetings for the Orphanage. and since some of our Sunday Schools are in that State, it was decided to give them the offering. It was moved and carried that when the convention meets in North Carolina, the offering is to go to the Orphanage at Middlesex, and when it meets in South Carolina, it is then to go to the orphanage in that State. An offering was taken and $5.00 was received which was to go to the Orphanage at Middlesex.

The president made a talk concerning the Free Will Baptist paper which is printed at Ayden, North Carolina. He stated that he was surprised to see that our people in Lexington are not taking our church paper. The samples were then passed out, and the people seemed glad to get them. They began to look them over, and we were able to get four subscriptions. We certainly do hope the Press at Ayden will receive a great many more in the very near future. The convention then adjourned until Sunday morning. The closing prayer was offered by Brother Brooks.

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order at 10:00 A. M., and after a song prayer was offered by Rev. Brown of Charlotte. The judges were then selected and the rules of the singing explained. The singing was very good by the four singing classes that were present. They were as follows: Rhyne Street Choir, Gastonia, led by Brother G. P. Shepherd; Arrington Heights of Lexington, led by Rev. Snyder; Washington Street Choir, Gastonia, with J. P. Styles in charge; and Goshen Grove of Belmont, which was led by yours truly. We had six quartets, and two trios after the contest singing was over. After the contest singing, the judges' decision was received with the Sunday School reports.

At the noon hour dinner was served by the church. Those people did serve really a wonderful dinner. They certainly did know how to spread a fine dinner for all who were present for the convention.

At 10:00 P. M. the convention was called to order. The first song was led by Brother Shepherd and prayer was offered by Brother Jesse Cannon. Now, the singing really began in full order by the different classes. Then, came the quartets next, and trios and solos. Washington Street, Gastonia, won the Quartet Banner. Rhyne Street Choir won the Class Banner. Goshen Grove of Belmont won the Sunday School Banner. Everybody had a good time in the Lord.

Many of us met some of our good old friends, and also many new ones. The Lord blessed the convention in a good way, and this is one convention which we cannot forget. The many old friends and the new ones we hope to meet again at the next convention, and the Great Convention in the Sky.

The next convention will be held at Goshen Grove Church, at North Belmont, North Carolina. The church is beside the school building. The convention will meet on October 30 and 31, 1943. We are urging all of our Sunday Schools to send in their reports on Saturday at 1:30 P. M., and to bring with them their singing classes, and quartets on Sunday. Come, and help us to keep the convention on the upward move. With so very many of our singers going into service, we know it is hard, but for their sake and His who died for us on the cross, do not let the work go down. Let us keep on trying in the name of the Lord.

We are looking forward for a great time here in Belmont on the last Sunday in October. I remain yours in His service,

E. W. O'Dell, President

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

For Year 1942-43

During the past year, there has been witnessed the greatest advancement in the foreign mission department of the Free Will Baptist church ever to be known in any equal period of time in the history of the denomination. It has been true both in the interest manifested in the home land and in results produced on the foreign field. The Lord is crowning the denomination with an unusual missionary revival, and the fact that our people are adhering to the command of the Lord, as given to us in the great commission, may well strengthen our faith to believe He will bless and continue to bless in all other departments of our beloved church.

We have come to the close of the associational year with a cash balance in our foreign mission treasury which exceeds $2,200. And let us remember this nice sum remains on hand, after a current expense or from five hundred to six hundred dollars every month of the year having been expended in the work.

In summarizing the blessings of the Lord upon the work in Cuba, we are permitted of Him to present the following:

Number of native preachers 6, number of Bible Women 1, number of organized churches 5, number of preaching points, aside from organized churches, 34, number of horses 8, number of saddles 7, number of benches furnished at various preaching points 60, number of baptized believers 76, number of probationers awaiting baptism more than 200, number of prospective students for training in Christian service 15, area being evangelized approximately 100 miles.

While these marvelous results are a reality for which we are very thankful, yet Brother and Sister Willey with their band of Cuban co-workers have merely touched the service in that province of tremendous opportunity for missionary service. All along new doors of opportunity are swinging ajar, and the people are calling for services in their respective villages and communities.

During the month of February, 1943, your Board of Foreign Missions sponsored Rev. Henry Melvin in a tour of our work in Cuba during which time he assisted Rev. and Mrs. Willey in the organization of the work. On February 14, the first Free Will Baptist association was organized on the island of Cuba. It is known as the Free Will Baptist Association of Pinar Del Rio. Bro Melvin's visit proved of great value to the work for which we are grateful. May the Lord indeed be praised for the wonderful progress being made in the work in Cuba.

As pertaining to the work in India, the work started by Miss Barnard near Kotagiri, South India, is still in progress. During her absence, the work has been under the care of a Rev. R. M. Clay. Rev. Clay kindly consented to look after the work until such time when the war conditions might become adjusted so as to permit Miss Barnard's return to the field. We have been sending some money occasionally to Rev. Clay, thereby enabling him to care for the work.

As tc the prospects in Purnea District, it is understood the work is still open there for us. Rev. Alexander Banks, a former acquaintance of Miss Barnard, has consented to act as a "go between" for us in order to help get some native workers into this needy field; and in view of this, our Board voted at the board meeting held in April of this year to send the sum of $25 to Rev. Banks to be used in sponsoring an investigating tour in Purnea. This has been done and word has been received to the effect that he received the money and stated that prospects were favorable. However, just recently the Department of State notified Miss Barnard that they are ready to grant her facilities for travel in India, and so she is now making definite preparation to sail. For this, we are very grateful, knowing that her heart is in India, and realizing as we do the great need over there. Of course, the human shudders for her when we reflect upon the danger of sailing the seas in these warring times; but, when we turn our minds and hearts to the greatness of the protecting and keeping power of our Christ, fears immediately vanish. Let us be much in prayer for her as she leaves us to return to that which is the desire of her heart. These last developments greatly renew our hopes for the work in India. Miss Barnard has served very beneficially during the past school year as teacher of the missionary course in our school in Nashville; and, at the same time, acting as secretary for the school. Our board agreed last fall to release Miss Barnard for this work at which time she, of course, came under the supervision of the Board of Education for the school term.

Miss Bessie Yeley of Ohio, who for some years has been doing missionary work in Venezuela, South America, under the supervision of Mid Missions, returned to the states last August. Since that time she has been doing itinerant work in some sections of the country; and, on June the 12th, she went across to Cuba to help keep the work moving there while Bro. and Sister Willey are in the states for a few weeks' rest and to attend this session of the National Association. Sister Yeley, however, expects to remain in Cuba, the Lord willing, and continue to assist in the work. She has good knowledge of the Spanish language which enables her to enter into the work immediately.

Your Board has been busy during the past year keeping in close touch with each other and with the work on the mission field by correspondence. We had a very splendid meeting at the school building in Nashville, Ap-

ril 13 and 14 of this year. It was attended unanimously by the board. Several important items were transacted among which was the decision to send Miss Yeley to the field in Cuba. Bro. Melvin's report of his trip to Cuba was received with great interest, and it was voted that he write up a Constitution and By-Laws for our Board. Approval was given to the increasing of the Cuban promotional fund by $50 on the month. The allowance to the Willey children was increased from $10 each to $15 each per month. Motion carried that we provide our missionaries with living quarters in addition to their salary, motion carried that the chairman of the Board compile and have printed a missionary pamphlet for distribution throughout the bounds of our denomination or wherever opportunity affords. Miss Barnard's release from the work at the school was accepted, and she was placed again under the supervision of our Board at her former salary of $50 per month and traveling expenses. She was also granted time for rest during the summer. Rev. Willey was appointed as Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Mission work in Cuba. In all, we had a very splendid Board meeting, and we were fortunate in having two of our missionaries, Miss Barnard and Miss Yeley, with us at this meeting.

Our Board has been busy since coming here to this session of the National Association. We feel that we are very fortunate in having Brother and Sister Willey here to meet with us, and with whom we can counsel concerning the work in Cuba. After conferring with them, we felt led of the Lord to present to you as a body the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that steps be taken immediately to establish a Bible School in Cuba.

2. We recommend that plans be formulated whereby funds to the amount of not less than $2,400 may be made available at the earliest possible date for the purpose of purchasing permanent property as a school and station center. Several other items of interest have been transacted as follows:

Motion carried that all our missionaries be paid the same salary for the coming year as they have been the previous year. It was further voted that the promotional fund to Cuba be increased to the amount of $50 per month, which will make three hundred dollars per month. Motion carried that the chairman be authorized to make an effort to secure a missionary teacher for the work in Cuba. Our corresponding secretary was authorized to send a message of greetings to Sister Barnard, owing to the fact that she is absent from this meeting, and is making preparation to take her departure from us on the condition, of course, she is able to secure passage. Motion carried that the chairman of the board be deputized to make a tour of the mission field in Cuba during the coming fall. Motion carried to approve the constitution and By-Laws as drawn up by Bro. Henry Melvin, and a vote of thanks was extended him for his service in that capacity.

Brother and Sister Damon Dodd appeared before our board and expressed their willingness to go anywhere and any time the Lord and our people might see fit.

We express our sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation we have enjoyed on the part of our people at large during the past year. We are praying the Lord will give us a far greater response this coming year, even more than we have enjoyed during the past year, in the interest of our foreign missions program.

Suggested state quotas for the coming year were set as follows:

Missouri	$ 3,500
North Carolina	3,000
Oklahoma	1,000
Tennessee	900
Ohio	600
Illinois	500
Michigan	500
Texas	500
Georgia	400
Alabama	300
Kentucky	300
South Carolina	300
Virginia	250
Mississippi	200
Florida	150
West Virginia	150
Total	$12,550

FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

For Year Beginning July 1, 1942, and ending June 30, 1943

Balance Brought forward from last year		$ 837.93
Received by states during past year as follows :		
Missouri	$2,334.84	
North Carolina	1,923.96	
Tennessee	669.79	
Michigan	534.31	
Illinois	299.90	
Ohio	260.00	
Oklahoma	208.73	
South Carolina	183.00	
Texas	174.62	
Alabama	163.47	
Georgia	120.90	
West Virginia	53.27	
Florida	43.57	
New Mexico	25.00	
Kansas	7.75	
Arkansas	1.25	
Received from Unified Program Fund by National Treas., F. S. Vanhoose	820.34	
Received from Nat. Women's Auxiliary Convention by Fannie Polston, Treasurer	772.41	
Offering received by Nat. Asso. held in Columbus, Miss., in July, 1942	175.00	
Received from sale of missionary pictures	9.60	
Total	$8,781.71	8,781.71
		$9,619.64

Expenditures

Salary to the Willeys	$1,200.00
Allowance to the Willey children	270.00
To the Willeys for traveling expense	197.68
Special gifts to the Willeys	24.50
For promotional work in Cuba	2,850.00
To Willeys for house rent and lights	50.00
For horse and saddle in Cuba	38.90

For Henry Melvin's trip to Cuba	150.00
For literature to Cuba	10.00
For school equipment in Cuba	89.00
Total	$4,880.08
Salary to Miss Barnard	$175.00
Miss Barnard's traveling expense	50.00
To Rev. Clay for work in India	100.00
Cost of wiring money to India	10.80
Gift to Rev. Clay	3.00
To Rev. Banks for investigating tour in India	25.00
Total	$363.80
Salary to Miss Yeley	$550.00
Miss Yeley's traveling expense (including trip home from S. A.)	429.90
Gift to Miss Yeley	3.00
Total	$982.90
To Rev. L. R. Ennis for promotional work	$ 750.00
Expense of calling Board meeting	138.75
For printing missionary pamphlets	25.00
For picture cuts, telegrams, and cost of last year pamphlets combined	62.41
Postage	22.96
Cost of wiring money	10.92
Stationery	15.00
Cost of making maps of India and Cuba	9.00
For development of missionary pictures	3.92
For motion picture film	5.65
Total disbursements	$7,270.39
Balance brought forward	$2,349.25

Prayerfully submitted,
Board of Foreign Missions,

Winford Davis,
Chairman-Treasurer
B. F. Rogers,
Recording Secretary
C. B. Thompson,
Elsie Curtis,
W. B. Shepherd

A FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL IN CUBA

You will notice by reading our annual foreign mission report elsewhere in this issue that we have launched a $5,000.00 campaign for funds with which to establish a Free Will Baptist Bible School in Cuba. It is imperative that we have this school in connection with our missionary work in Cuba in which to train our native ministry for the work in that ripened field. We expect to begin in a limited way, of course, and then enlarge as we feel able and as the work on the Cuban field demands.

Brother Willey, who has recently been made superintendent of the Cuban missionary work, has a native man selected to take charge of the school. We know him as Josue. He comes before us highly recommended by the Willeys.

We hope to open this school in October or November of this year. But our ability to do so will depend upon our response to this appeal for funds. We hope to establish this school with funds donated especially for this purpose. We hope to take as little as possible out of our general foreign mission funds because these general funds are needed for constant promotional work. However we hope you will not slack your general giving in order to support the school campaign; but let the school funds come in extra. When you send in for this fund don't fail to state clearly that it is for the Cuba Bible School. Make that clear whether you are sending to your State Secretary, Treasurer, or to us direct. Of course, if you have a State Treasurer, you should send it to him.

We are going to expect great results in the next few months. Our people have been proving, during the last year or two, what they can do and what they will do if shown something worthwhile, and I believe you will do no less for this worthy cause. At present, I don't know anything more worthwhile or more needful for the furthering of our missionary cause than this Bible training center in Cuba. Let us do our best.

It certainly was a pleasure to make such a splendid report to our National body this year. But I could not have made that report had you people not made it possible. You have been liberal; but thank the Lord you are seeing results. Four of the states came up to and above their suggested quotas last year. Namely: Michigan, North Carolina, Illinois, and Missouri. We are very grateful for that. Some of the other states came near their mark, Ohio for one. You will notice the list in our report of the suggested quotas for this coming year. Some of them have been raised; but I am sure we can meet them. Of course, there is nothing compulsory about this. The quota is only set as a kind of a goal for us to work to. Take special notice to the amount as set for your state, and then resolve to do your best that your state may over top it before the next National Association.

Again I am urging you to do your best on the behalf of the campaign for the Bible School in Cuba.

Prayerfully submitted,

Winford Davis,
Chairman and Treasurer

A TRAGEDY

If your aged father lived with you, would you go a whole day, or longer without talking with him or allowing him to talk to you? Such an attitude would be tragic. His heart would be broken. But think how God must feel when we go a whole day, or longer, and do not talk to Him in prayer, and do not let Him talk to us from His Word! He has so much that we need! He has given us so much that we could not get along without! Let us not break His loving heart by failing to pray and read God's Word daily.—H. F. G.

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SIDNEY AID REPORT

Our Aid met at the church on Thursday, June 17, and the meeting was opened with the members present singing a hymn. The members repeated together the Lord's Prayer, the president read the scripture lesson from Matthew, the 25th chapter. She gave a brief discussion on the same, and then sentence prayers were offered by the members.

The next item was that the secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Activities

Dues paid in	$0.70
Jehoiada Chest fund	1.00
Penny-A-Day fund	1.32
Money for the sick	6.10
Bible chapters read	1.62
Daily Bible readers	2
Trays taken to the sick	13
Cards sent	3
Sick visits made	20
Money sent to Tenn. Orph.	$5.00

Mrs. Leone Daw, Secretary

A man and his wife were out walking when the man noticed a tradesman's bill on the footpath. He picked it up, took a good look at it, and turned to his wife:

"I'm going to pay this bill, Maggie."

"Whatever do you want to do that for, you soft thing?" said she. "It isn't yours."

"No," he replied, "but there's $1.50 discount, and I might as well have it as anyone else."

"Christ at the marriage altar.
Christ on the bridal journey.
Christ when the new home is set up.
Christ when the baby comes.
Christ when the baby dies.
Christ in the pinching times.
Christ in the days of plenty.
Christ when the wedded pair,
Walk toward the sunset gates.
Christ for time, Christ for eternity
This is the secret of home."

—Prot. Epis Marriage Com.

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psa. 27: 1.

O Lord, my best desire fulfil,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to thy will,
And make thy pleasure mine.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger. Psa. 27: 9.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Psa. 32: 8.

What shall be my future lot
Well I know concerns me not;
This should set my heart at rest,
What thy will ordains iis best.

This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psa. 43: 14.

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GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS PEOPLE

(Lesson for August 15)

Lesson: Exodus 16: 11-18; 17: 3-6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Mat. 6: 11).

This lesson shows how God miraculously provides for the needs of his servants when they are carrying out his purposes for them. It is shown how he gave, in a miraculous way, food and drink to the children of Israel when they became in great need in the wilderness. The wonderful truths of this lesson reveal, to those who will study carefully, the fact that God used his servant Moses to show the people that he was with them and would care for them if they would obey his commandments.

In the New Testament, it is shown how Christ miraculously fed the hungry multitudes gathered about him. In fact, divine provision for the needs of God's people has been made in many instances to teach humanity the great love of God for his people. Since that has been done in the past, God will show no less concern for his people today or in the future when they turn to him for divine guidance and will obey his commandments. His infinite power is still limitless and his goodness is boundless for all who will truly follow in the footsteps of Jesus whom he sent into the world to direct all men in the way they should go.—**Advanced Quarterly** (F. W. B.)

'He is able
He is able to do **all we ask**
He is able to do **above** all we ask
He is able to do **abundantly** above all we ask
He is able to do **exceedingly** abundantly above all we ask or **think?**
(Comp. Eph. 3: 20).

II. Home Work

1. What were some of the complaints that were made by the Israelites? Exo. 14: 10-12; 16: 2, 3; 17: 2; Num. 14: 1-3).

2. About what did the Jewish leaders murmur when Jesus was here? (Lu. 15: 2; 19: 7; John 6: 41; 8: 52, 53).

3. What warning is given to us about murmuring? (I Cor. 10: 10; Phil. 2: 14).

4. How did God sometimes deal with murmurers? (Num. 14: 29; 16: 41-50).

5. What did Jesus call the manna? (John 6: 31, 32).

6. How does Christ differ from the manna? (John 6: 49, 58).

7. What kind of food is promised to the overcomer? (Rev. 2: 17).

8. In what respects is the Lord called a "Rock"? (Deu. 32: 4, 15, 18, 30, 31).

9. What is the spiritual significance of the rock that gave water? (I Cor. 10: 4).

10. Why were the experiences of the Israelites recorded in the Bible? (I Cor. 10: 1-11).

11. Be sure to **absorb** what our Senior Quarterly has to say on verses 16-18 of the lesson.

12. **"The Miraculous Supply of Water."** Study this topic in our **Advanced Quarterly.**

III. The Lesson Illustrated

"In Every Thing Give Thanks"

Billy Bray, the Cornish miner, used to say, "If they were to put me in a barrel, I would shout, 'Glory to God,' through the bunghole." When poverty stared him in the face, he said, "If the meal barrel is empty, I will put my head in the barrel and praise the Lord." One day his wife came to him and said, "Do you know we haven't a penny left?" "Is that so?" he said. "And what is more, we have no food left. I went to the barrel to see whether I could find something to do a little baking with, but there is nothing left. Now practice what you preach, and put your head in the flour barrel, and say, 'Praise the Lord.'" He said, "Well, if you will put yours in with me, I will." "All right," she said, "I will." And so they went to the empty flour barrel and both put their heads into the barrel and said, "Praise the Lord!" Raising their heads from the barrel, they were covered with flour dust, and were well powdered up. Nothing daunted, they went into the study and lifted their voices in praise to the One who has promised His children, "But my God shall supply all your **need** according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4: 19). As Billy and his wife called upon our providing God, there was a knock at the door. The God who had fed Elijah came to the rescue of His believing, praiseful servants. Each one of God's trustful children may rely absolutely upon God's faithfulness. "Jesus never fails!"

The Supreme Power

Some years ago I was invited to a home for dinner. The host asked me to say grace. After the blessing was asked and our thanks expressed for the gifts of God spread before us, he said rather bluntly: "Really now, I don't see much point to that; for I provided this meal myself." For reply I asked: "Have you ever stopped to think that if seed-time and harvest should fail once on the whole earth, half of the people would be dead before another harvest? And has it occurred to you that if seed-time and harvest should fail two years in succession over the entire planet, every one living would be dead before another harvest? Evidently astonished, he admitted that he had never thought of such a possibility. Then I suggested that he was very much mistaken in saying that he had furnished the meal set before us. God had given him his own life and his power to get gain. God had put life into grain and animal which we were using for food, which he could never do.—Howard Agnew Johnston, in We Can Surely Believe.

Leaky Vessels Need To Be Refilled

It is necessary repeatedly to seek the fullness of the Spirit. D. L. Moody said, "We are like leaky vessels and must come again and again to be filled." Yesterday's manna will not do for today. It has been pointed out that the verb in the Greek expressing the thought, "They

were filled with the Spirit," is in the aorist tense, i. e., it expresses a past, completed "unit" act, not a continuous action (Acts 2: 4; 4: 31; 13: 9; 13: 52). One baptism (at conversion), and many fillings.—From the Holy Spirit to the Believer.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

WANTED: Every church in North Carolina to send a delegate to the State Association, week after the Second Sunday in September. Middlesex is the place—the time Wednesday, September the 15th—place of worship, the Missionary Baptist church. Every conference and association in the State should send its full quota of delegates—one delegate from each 1000 members or fraction thereof. Every minister, who is in good standing with his conference or association, is a member and should attend, if possible.

Another important thing is the offering for the Association. Greater responsibilities are resting upon us this year than we had last year. We are growing as a denomination and as we grow it takes more to finance our going. Our State Association is due to send $10.00 to the National Association (the old fee) plus $5.00 for each district that composes the State Association. So make your contribution larger this year than you did last year in order to meet all requirements of growth.

Travel is not as easy as heretofore but God's work is to go on. It must go on if our work has to be curtailed. God's work cannot suffer without a "kick-back," and the ones that get hit with the kick-back are those who allow the work to suffer. Too, great and important matters are to be considered in the coming Association this year and every district together with the ministers should be represented in the great work.

Grouping of Churches

There is much talk now-a-days about "grouping of churches." This talk is brought about largely, perhaps, because of the rationing of gas and the shortage of tires. But in reality it is the sane thing to do. It is not reasonable for a minister to drive one or two hundred miles to preach, while at the same time he passes five or six churches in order to reach the place where he is to preach. It is expensive. It is tiresome to the preacher. The preacher (for that is about all that he is) cannot be a pastor, and especially if he has to do some work other than preach in order to live. He has to run right in and right out without doing the work of a PASTOR. The churches need pastoring. Grouping will provide for the work of pastoring—visiting of the sick and seeking to comfort those who are in need of comfort. When churches group and locate the minister in the midst of the group of churches then the churches will grow and prosper as they cannot do without a pastor.

The Annual Call

It is an old custom among Free Will Baptists to call their pastors, or preachers, annually. By the time a preacher gets started in and makes a few plans for the year, some folk are talking about the pastor for the next year. North Carolina churches are now extending these calls in the middle of the year. This annual call is expected, so it gives play for politics to get into the church. Some laymen begin to play around and feel out their friends as to the election of his or her "pet" preacher for next year. And some times it has been reported that some preachers "Feel around, themselves" in order to get the church served by some other minister. So, if the annual call was discarded and pastors were called indefinitely, it would go a long way in keeping down the political show that has been experienced in some localities. And it would do away with a lot of "Preacher religion," and be the means of promoting the church of Christ. Instead of seeing preachers so much it would help us to see and "LIFT UP CHRIST."

The greatest attribute of heaven is mercy.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

REVIVAL AT PEARCE'S CHAPEL

That the day of revivals is not past has been proven during the past week by the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God in an old-fashioned revival at the Pearce Chapel Church, near Smithville, Mississippi. Never before has the writer experienced a more sweeping victory and more definite answers to prayers than were seen during this meeting. The initial service was held Sunday night, July 19, and since it was impossible for us to be there, Rev. Ralph Lightsey did the preaching. This first service proved to be the beginning of a sweeping revival in the community. When we arrived on Monday afternoon, Bro. Hollis, the pastor, was on hand to meet us and to report the fact that the revival fires were already burning. On Monday night a number were led to the Lord and from that time forth almost every service was marked by the surrender of someone to HIM.

The people of Pearce community deserve much of the credit for the success of the revival effort. They are a congenial group who are anxious to do the full will of the Lord. Their devotion to the church and the cause of Christ cannot be surpassed anywhere by any people. They attended the services in great numbers, and both the day and night services were marked by overflow crowds. A vacation Bible School was conducted in connection with the revival and a total enrollment of 145 was reached.

Sunday afternoon marked the close of the revival. After a good service of song, prayer and preaching, the sacred rite of Baptism was administered to 23 candidates. Five had joined the church by letter, making a total of 28 who had united with the church. During the week, 35 people had accepted the Lord as Saviour on profession of faith.

We shall never forget the good people of Pearce Chapel, nor Bro. Lightsey, whose cooperative spirit and splendid service as song leader contributed much toward the success of the meeting.

Damon and Sylvia Dodd,
Evangelists

Boys and Girls Corner

THE CONTEST ON MT. CARMEL

Worse and worse became the famine in Israel. Many of the poor people had perished. Now food and water were scarce even at the king's palace. There had been no rain for three and a half years. The whole land seemed a desert.

King Ahab was beginning to get worried. He hadn't cared because his people suffered, but now his own supplies were getting low. His own horses and mules were dying.

Ahab called one of his servants, Obadiah, and bade him go out one way across the land in search of a spring or stream of some kind, while the king went out searching in another direction.

Obadiah had not gone far when he met Elijah coming toward the king's palace. God had commanded Elijah, "Go, show thyself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth," and Elijah was on his way to obey Jehovah.

"Go, tell thy king, Behold, Elijah is here," said the prophet.

Obadiah was stricken with fear. "Why, he will slay us both," he protested. "There is no nation or kingdom to which the king has not sent to kill thee."

"As Jehovah liveth, I will surely show myself unto Ahab this day," was Elijah's unconcerned reply.

Finally, Obadiah picked up courage and took Elijah's message to Ahab. Soon the wicked king stood before the prophet of God.

"Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel?" began the king, roughly.

"I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy family have brought this sorrow on the land, because ye have forsaken the true God and set up the worship of Baal in Israel. Now, therefore, send for all the people and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and bid them come to me at Mt. Carmel."

Ahab, in amazement at Elijah's daring, obeyed. Before long the plains were covered with people hurrying toward Mt. Carmel, and among them were the four hundred and fifty priests of Baal. Soon Elijah was face to face with the host of Israelites. Calmly he watched them. Solemnly he spoke.

"How long halt ye between two opinions?" he asked. "If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

Then, turning toward the priests of Baal, Elijah boldly challenged them: "I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Give us two bullocks. Let them prepare one for sacrifice and lay it on wood, but put no fire under it. I will dress the other and lay it on wood, and put no fire under it. Then do ye call on the name of Baal and I will call on the name of the Lord. The God that sendeth down fire to burn his sacrifice, let him be God."

"It is well said!" cried the people. The priests did not dare refuse.

Early in the morning the priests of Baal built a great pile of kindling and laid their bullock on it, and began to pray to Baal to send down fire. From morning until noon they cried out: "O Baal, hear us!" Louder and louder they called. They became frantic. They cut themselves with knives and danced and shrieked, but Baal did not answer them.

Elijah mocked them. "Cry louder; perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." The people looked on expectantly.

By evening the priests were worn out and had given up hope of succeeding. Then Elijah made an altar of twelve stones—one for each of the twelve tribes. He placed the wood on the altar, and upon it the sacrifice. Then he dug a little ditch about the altar, and he had the people pour water on the bullock and the wood until it ran down and filled the ditch.

As the host of Israel stood around him Elijah began to pray: "Lord God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word."

As Elijah ceased, a tiny tongue of fire leaped down on the altar. Soon the entire altar was ablaze with flames which burned even the stones and dried up all the water in the ditch.

Then, indeed, were the children of Israel awakened; they threw themselves on their faces in shame that they had failed God and had sinned. "The Lord, he is God!" they cried.

"Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape," commanded Elijah.

The people rushed upon the wicked priests and slew them.

Then Elipah turned to the stupefied Ahab and said: "Get thee down from here before the rain stops thee."

Ahab hurried back toward his palace, but before he reached the gates it was pouring down rain all over the famished land.

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CHURCH FINANCE

urer of the Church Finance Association, I will be glad to try to answer any question that you wish to ask. Just write me at Box 83, Lucama, North Carolina.

Also I shall be hoping to receive some money from you for the Church Finance Association. Ask your pastor to tell you about the work and to put it before your Church.

Yours to serve,
M. L. Johnson.

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The Church Finance Association, Inc.

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have been pastoring churches in the Free Will Baptist denomination for ten years, and am glad to say that I am happy in my work, however, I have made some mistakes which have doubtless hindered and handicapped my usefulness. One of these is that I have failed to support the whole program of our church until this year. I am frank to say now that everything is different, for I see the need of supporting all of the causes of our church.

Now, after supporting the Six-Point Program in part, I am going forward to support the next point, which is THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Incorporated. Our

church has been in need for a long time of just such an organization, and now that we have it, let us not let it drag behind, but bring it to the front. I wish that everyone of you good preachers, my brethren, would ask your church for an offering, and explain to them that this is not a gift, but the purchase of a certificate of membership in one of our own progressive institutions. If you could see the Christian spirit behind this good movement, I am sure you would do this the very first time this August when you meet your church people.

Now, if any of you laymen really want your church to have a page in future church history, ask your pastor to call for an offering to be applied toward the purchase of at least one $25.00 Certificate of membership in the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. I shall watch records from all churches during the month of August with interest, hoping to get the surprise of my life when we really go over the top for a real victory for church finance.

I am yours in the interest of the F. W. B. Program,
Rev. C. H. Coates,
Assistant Treasurer,
The Church Finance Association, Inc.

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What I Think of The Church Finance Association

THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Incorporated, for Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, is practically a new endeavor among the church people of the State. It was organized just a few years ago by several of the leading and far-seeing church leaders of the denomination in the State, and by their careful planning and forward-looking movement, the Association has been able to make fine progress in a financial way for the good of the church in the State.

It is our belief that this institution, or financial incorporation will prove to be a great blessing in the coming years to the work of the church within the bounds of the State. The principles upon which it is founded are, we believe, sound, and the money used from this fund, from time to time, for the good of building up the work of the church shall be secured by the institutions or churches borrowing it.

In our opinion, the church people of North Carolina will do well to make investments in this Financial Association for the good of the church as a whole. Individuals, local churches, Union meetings, League organizations, Sunday Schools, District and State bodies should begin to buy certificates in this Incorporation. Twenty-five dollars will buy a certificate, and each of these church bodies would do well to help build up this Loan Fund so that it may become a great power in the church in lending financial aid to weak churches that need help. The loans which it has already made have been a great blessing to those who needed help in church improvements.

—Editor

A GOOD REVIVAL MEETING

Dear Baptist Readers:

I should like to tell you something about the work of our church. We have had a year of very pleasant work. The Sunday School is progressing splendidly well, and our midweek prayer meeting is doing fine. The revival began in July and on the fourteenth, and we had splendid congregations of people present for the services. Fine interest was shown throughout the meeting.

Brother Parker was the evangelist who conducted the meeting. His messages were soul stirring. There were six additions to the church, and the church people were revived in spirit in a good way. We shall be looking forward to the time when Brother Parker can be with us again. When he had finished our meeting, he began another at another church.

Rev. Pitts is our pastor. He is a young man whom we like very much. He is in evangelistic work at this time, and will be for some little while. If any church should have the chance to meet these men and to hear them preach, it will be well to do so, for they are splendid preachers.

Our Sunday School officers are God fearing people, and it is real spiritual food to be able to meet with them on each Sunday and to worship God together. Please pray for us that our work may be a blessing to humanity.

Yours in the name of Jesus,
M. F. Whitman

ANNOUNCEMENT

The revival meeting will begin at Tippett's Chapel on Sunday, August 1, with Rev. M. E. Godwin from near Dunn, North Carolina, doing the preaching. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Coates. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. There will be night services only, which will begin at 8:30 P. M.

By a member of the church

SALVATION OR RELIGION

Religion is outside, salvation is within. Religion is temporary, salvation is eternal. Religion is holding back, salvation is giving something new—and living. Religion is natural, salvation is supernatural. Religion is common to all races, salvation is a characteristic of one "family." Religion is what men do, salvation is what God has done. A man can be proud of religion, but he is humbly grateful for salvation.—Anon.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RICE. On June 16, 1943, Brother John Willis Rice was called to be with his Lord. He was a Christian for 42 years, and was a deacon of the Evergreen Free Will Baptist church for 34 years. He was faithful to his church and community.

He lived to be 66 years old, 9 months and 23 days. He suffered considerably during his last few weeks here on earth.

He is survived by four sons and three daughters, eleven grandchildren. We are confident that we will see him again in that great day.

Written by a friend,
Vermell Gafford, Iola, Texas

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VIRTUE

The word "virtue" means more than purity of life, it means courageous action. When one claims to be a Christian, the world expects him to make good his claim by acting out his profession. To do so he must be something worthwhile, and do something worthwhile. Christianity is a battlefield where right and wrong clash with each other. Each Christian should put on the whole armor of God and fight the good fight of faith. He should fight for the right against the wrong in himself, in his home, in the church, and in his country. The Christian's motto should be:

To live for those that love him,
For those who know him true;
For the heaven that smiles above him
And awaits his spirit too.

For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the good that needs assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that he can do.

—Eld. J. L. Brown, in "House of Wisdom"

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No Time for God

No time for God?
What fools we are, to clutter up
Our lives with common things
And leave without heart's gate
The Lord of life and Life itself—
Our God.

No time for God?
As soon to say, no time
To eat or sleep or love or die.
Take time for God
Or you shall dwarf your soul,
And when the angel death
Comes knocking at your door,
A poor mishapen thing you'll be
To step into eternity.

No time for God?
That day when sickness comes
Or trouble finds you out
And you cry out for God;
Will He have time for you?

No time for God?
Some day you'll lay aside
This mortal self and make your way
To worlds unknown,
And when you meet him face to face
Will He—Should He,
Have time for you?

—Norman L. Trott

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Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by congregation
Devotions and Welcome Address by pastor, Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:30—Moderator's address by Rev. W. R. Williams
10:40—Roll Call of Ministers
10:45—Reading Minutes of last Union
10:50—Welcome of Visitors and Responses
11:00—Orphanage report by Rev. James A. Evans, Supt.
11:15—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Alfred

Dinner

1:00—Devotions by Rev. T. Renfrow
1:15—Business Period
2:00—Report of Committees and Treasurer's Report
2:30—Petition for next Union
2:45—"The Need of Christian Fellowship," led by Rev. J. H. Worley
3:00—Adjournment

Sunday

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Sermon by Wiley Ferrell
E. G. Holland,
Willie Renfrow,
Committee

REVIVAL AT EDGEWOOD

The public is cordially invited to attend the revival meeting to be held at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church beginning the 5th Sunday night in August.

We are happy to announce that our pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning will conduct the meeting and that Rev. R. P. Harris will lead the song services.

Pray for us that we may have one of the most spiritual meetings ever held at Edgewood, that many lost souls may be brought to Christ, and that Christians revived.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. A. L. Sumerlin, Clerk

EDITORIAL

STATE ASSOCIATION—

The North Carolina State Association will convene in a few weeks at Middlesex with the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Since the Orphanage does not have adequate room for the association to be assembled in the administration building, the Missionary Baptist people in Middlesex have gladly extended to our people their church in which to hold the association, as we do not have a church in the town of Middlesex.

It is hoped that all churches in the State will send delegates to this session of the State Association. Quite a number of important things will be brought before the body for discussion and adoption, and therefore all churches should be represented with their delegates so that they may have a part in the work of the association. It being the largest body of the denominational work in the State, with other district associations and conferences, plans for greater work will be set up, let us hope, for the ensuing year, concerning the different phases of the work of the church within the State.

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EXCHANGE OF CHURCH PROPERTY—

The Elizabeth City Free Will Baptist Church has just recently made an exchange of church property with the Salvation Army in that town. The church building which the Salvation Army owned was the old Presbyterian Church which is located near the business section and close by the New Presbyterian, the First Baptist and the Methodist Churches. Since our church was better suited for the work of the Salvation Army in that part of the town, and also since the old Presbyterian Church is a much better location for our church people, both bodies thought the exchange would be greatly beneficial to both groups, therefore the exchange was made as an even transfer or exchange of property titles.

We are hoping that our people will greatly enjoy their new place of worship, and that great good will be derived through the coming years because of the exchange. Brother Hales, the pastor of our church, says that his people are beginning to lay plans to erect Sunday School rooms to the building, and to make other improvements inside the present old building. They are planning to spend several thousand dollars in the way of improvements so that they will have a modern church plant to take care of the needs of the church people for several decades to come.

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REVEREND CHESTER PELT MADE CHAPLAIN—

Reverend Chester Pelt, pastor of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, has been accepted in the Armed Forces of the United States as Chaplain. He left Durham a few weeks ago to enter upon his new duties as chaplain. Reverend Bob Woolley has been called by the Durham church to finish Brother Pelt's unexpired term.

Brother Pelt's friends, not only in Durham, but also in the other churches which he had been pastoring during the past few years in the State, are wishing for him great success in his work as chaplain in the Armed Forces of his country. They are praying that God will greatly use him as he ministers the Word unto the young men in service.

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CHURCHES GROUPING TOGETHER—

Three churches in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, have just recently come together in a group, and elected a pastor to serve them for the coming year. These churches are Sound Side, Malachi's Chapel and Gum Neck. One of them will have half time, or two Sundays to the month, while the others will have just one Sunday each in which they will hold their services.

Their new pastor will locate in the county among them so that he will be able to serve them more adequately at all times in cases of visiting the sick, conducting funerals and holding mid-week prayer meetings, and also assisting in the Women's Auxiliary Work of these churches and laboring among the young people in the Leagues and Sunday Schools.

Their new pastor will certainly be able to do a good work among those people it is expected. It is a splendid opportunity to build up a great work in all three churches, and to extend the cause of Christ in the different communities of the county. May God greatly bless both pastor and the churches in their Christian services for the salvation of lost souls during the coming years.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE CAMP—

The Young People's League Camp, which was conducted last week at Camp Leach down on Pamlico River, was a great success. There were three main phases of the work at camp; namely, educational, recreational and evangelistic. The class work occupied the time from 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 noon. In the afternoon, after a period of rest and sleep, sports and games and swimming were entered into for the exercise and pleasure of the two groups, boys as one and the girls as the other.

In the evening after the supper hour the evangelistic services were conducted by Evangelist Bob Woolley of the Durham Church, and Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago, Illinois, as music director. The even-services were uplifting, inspirational and deeply spiritual. Everyone was greatly moved by these evening services. Many of the boys and girls, who were already Christians, went to the altar and rededicated their lives anew to the Lord. Several made a profession of faith in Christ as their personal Saviour, and their names were taken to be sent to their local pastors in their churches that they might be baptized and take membership in their local church.

The Camp Director will have printed in the Baptist paper a complete report of the work of the camp in a few weeks.

The North Carolina State Association

The picture shown here gives a splendid view of the Middlesex Orphanage where the North Carolina State Association will convene in September. The Board of Directors of the Home, realizing that it would be well for the association to convene in Middlesex so that many of the church people attending this session would have a splendid opportunity to see the Institution and to look over the entire orphanage property, gave the invitation early in the year, and asked the Executive Committee of the State Association to consider holding this session at the Orphanage. As a result of this arrangement to convene this session there, quite many people are looking forward with great expectation to attend the association and to be able to look the property over during the days the association is in session. It is hoped that this will be the greatest session ever held of the State Association and that many who have never been privileged to see the Orphanage will do so while the association is in session September 15, through 17, 1943.

General View of the Orphanage Buildings

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

Thirty-Five Days; Then What?

North Carolinians, do you realize that in thirty-five days from date of this issue of the Baptist that we are supposed to assemble at Middlesex for the purpose of convening the THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA? Thirty-one years ago the old State Convention had its birth about six miles east of Middlesex, in the town of Bailey. Late years it has been changed to correspond with the name of the National Body—Association.

Churches, Are You Ready?

It is time that every church was getting its delegates and offerings lined up for the event—THE STATE ASSOCIATION. Men and women who are ready to go for the GLORY OF GOD should be selected. People who are "all on the ALTAR" are always ready to make any self-denial that will glorify God. So, as Field Secretary, we are asking all pastor's to line up the very best people for delegates available, and make the best offerings possible. Let us all pray much, with a yielded, submissive spirit, for the LEADERSHIP of the HOLY SPIRIT in the oncoming session OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary of the North Carolina State Association

The Church Finance Association, Inc.

Remember that the month of AUGUST is the set time for a special drive to broaden the capacity of the CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc., in North Carolina. Every church should subscribe to as much as one share in the Association, if possible. A share costs only $25.00. This may be paid in one lump sum, or spread out over a per-

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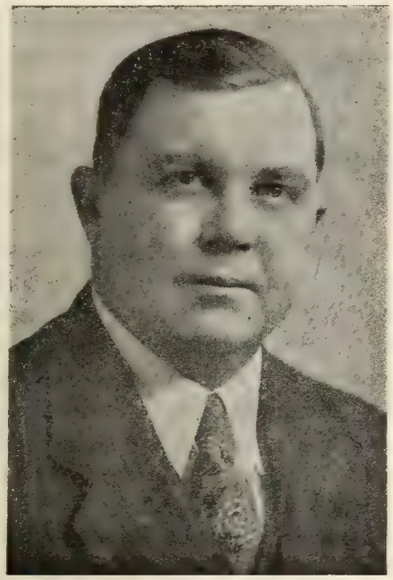
STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS AND SPEAKERS



Rev. James A. Evans, Supt.

The Reverend James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, and host minister, will deliver the welcome address of the association on Wednesday morning before the body in the Missionary Baptist Church of Middlesex.

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Rev D. W. Alexander, President

Rev. D. W. Alexander will deliver the president's message to the association during the opening session of the first day.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Retiring Executive Secretary

Reverend L. R. Ennis will make the Report of the National Association before the State Body on the first day in the afternoon. All delegates and ministers, as well as the laity in general at the association, will do well to hear this important report. He will deliver an address on "Trained Christian Workers" Thursday afternoon.

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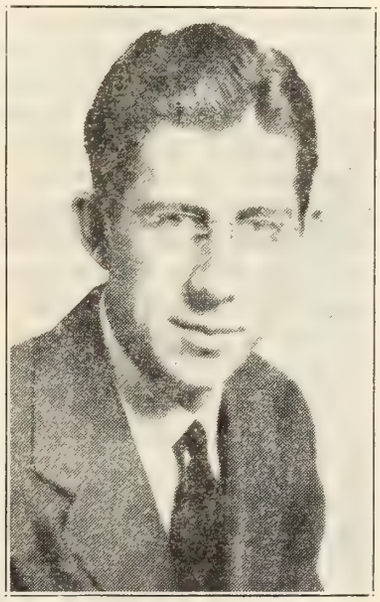

Reverend Clarence Bowen

Reverend Clarence Bowen will make his report of the State League work which will be interesting both to the old as well as to the young people, and deliver an address on "The Superannuated Minister" Friday morning.

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Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, President State Sunday School Convention

Mr. Raymond T. Sasser will make his report of the State Sunday School work on Thursday morning.

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Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President Women's Auxiliary

Mrs. Griffin will deliver her address concerning the Women's Auxiliary work in the State on Thursday morning, the second day of the association.

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THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(For North Carolina Free Will Baptists)

Geo. Webster. *President,* Washington, N. C.

Rev. L. H. Wetherington, *Secretary,* Clark, N. C.

THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

To all Free Will Baptists, and others who may be interested in the growth of the denomination and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

The month of August has been designated "Church Finance Association month" and having been a member almost from it's beginning, I would like to say something in it's behalf.

To my mind this organization (even though one of our newest) is doing a good work in helping our denomination grow.

Churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues, Ladies Aids, Sunday Schools classes, or individuals may have one or more memberships which may be paid in full $25.00 or $1.00 per month. This money is loaned for repairs or improvements of church property.

The opportunities in this field are great, so we are making an appeal at this time for more funds so we may help all churches that come to us for aid.

Yours in the Master's service,
Geo. Webster

PRAYER

By James H. McConkey

"If ye ask . . . I will do." (Jno. 14: 14)

It Is a Wonderful Promise

Many and precious are the promises which God gives to His praying children. He tells us that as we pray and receive our joy shall be full, (Jno. 16: 24); that if we bring all things to Him in prayer His own unspeakable peace shall possess and keep our hearts in Christ Jesus, (Phil. 4: 7) that of all who ask from Him not one shall be turned away; that to any who knock at His door it shall without fail be opened, (Matt. 7, 7: 8). Familiar enough and gracious too is His truth that as we ask He gives. So says His Word again and again: "Ask and it shall be given you;" "Every one that asketh receiveth;" "How much more will your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him." But in the heart of this great chapter, the fourteenth of John, we come upon the greatest promise God has ever given to His praying children. Presuming—as we do in all that is said in these opening chapters concerning prayer—that the child of God is asking in His name, or according to His will, the wondrous statement is here twice made that not only as we pray does God give, but that

As We Pray God Works

God, the eternal God of the universe, stands, as it were, like an almighty servant and says: "If you, my child, will only **pray** I will **work**; if you will only be busy with **asking** I will see to the **doing**." Not only does He bestow at our cry, but He **acts**. Not only does our praying evoke His bounty, it sets in motion His omnipotence. Wherefore, as we enter into the secret chamber of prayer, nothing will so stir us to mighty intercession, nothing will so soon make us master-pleaders with God for a lost world, as to whisper to our own soul, again and again, this wonderful truth, **"While I am praying God is really doing that which I am asking!"**

Thus to a child of God bowed in prayer that the gospel may be sent to the dark lands, though he may not see it, yet as he prays **God** baffles the powers of darkness; as he prays **God** moves the hearts of kings; as he prays **God** breaks down the barriers to evangelization; as he prays **God** loosens the bands of superstition; as he prays **God** opens up the pathways to forbidden lands; as he prays **God** unclasps the purses of His children; as he prays **God** raises up and thrusts forth the gospel messengers to the whitened harvests. As **he** is **praying God is doing.** This is explicitly asserted. "Search my word, says our Lord. Find out clearly in it what my will is concerning the world. Pray according to that will. Then as you pray "Lord thrust forth laborers into the harvest," **I thrust them forth!** As you pray "Lord break down the obstacles," **I break them down!** As you pray "Lord stir men's hearts to give, **I stir them!** Whatsoever **ye** ask in my name, **I do.**" Beloved, what a tremendous responsibility is ours! What a unique privilege! That all the power of an omnipotent God is ready and waiting to be put into triumphant, irresistible action at the prayer of one of His children! That the very hosts of heaven are marshalled against the powers of darkness at that importunate call of yours which is according to the will of God! He declares that all power in heaven and earth is His, and then, as it were, places Himself at our disposal and says, "Now my child **you pray** and **I** will **work,** you ask and **I** will **do.**" As an engineer might suffer a child powerless in itself, to call forth power, not its own, by opening the throttle of his great machine, so God says to us weaklings, "all power is mine, but unto you it is given to call it forth by prayer." **If it be true, then, that God's omnipotence is placed at our disposal, we are as responsible for its exercise through prayer as though we possessed it ourselves.** Behold here the shame of an unevangelized world, of two thousand years delay, of our cowardice and faltering in the presence of difficulties. For though we have had no power to do, yet the mighty God, linking Himself with us as a real yoke-fellow and co-worker, has said

"If ye ask I will do."

It is a promise by an Omnipotent Doer

They who are charged with the erection of costly public or private

buildings count it a rare privilege to have a great artist offer his services. They seek to employ the greatest architect, the most famous painter, the most skillful sculptor to do their work. But who is it here who offers to **do** for us, if we will only **ask?** It is no untried apprentice, no bungling worker accustomed to failure. It is **God Himself.** It is the mightiest doer in the universe who says "I will do, if you **ask.**" Unrivalled wisdom, boundless skill, limitless power, infinite resources are His. Think a moment who it is that promises. He who shrouded the land of Egypt in awful darkness; He who turned her streams of water to streams of blood; He who laid His hand upon her first-born and filled the stubborn will of her impious king; He who led forth His people Israel, with mighty arm and outstretched hand; He who parted the great sea, and made the glassy walls of water to be bulwarks of safety to them, and swift avalanches of death to their pursuing foes; He, who when His children cried for water, sweetened the bitter wells to quench their thirst; He who, when they hungered sent them bread from heaven; He who, when they marched about Jericho in utter helplessness, leveled its towering walls by the word of His power; He who walked with His three children in the fierce, fiery furnace, yet kept them even from the smell of scorching garments; He who stilled the tempest, walked on the seas, cast out devils, healed the living and raised the dead—it is **this** same mighty **does** who says He will do for **me,** if I **ask**! This omnipotence is the very same omnipotence whose doing is awaiting my praying!

Yea the God who holds the sea in the hollow of His hand; the God who swings this ponderous globe of earth in its orbit more easily than you could swing a child's toy rubber ball; the God who marshals the stars and guides the planets in their blazing paths with undeviating accuracy; the God of Sinai, and of Horeb; the heaven-creating, devil-conquering, dead-raising God,—it is this very God who says to you and to me:

If ye ask I will do

It is a promise which shows how much more wonderful than our doing is His doing called forth by our asking.

You can at will close your eyes and, in vision, call up before you the men and women whom you love yet know to be lost. Friend after friend has wrought with and entreated them: you yourself would almost be willing to be anathema for them, if so be they might be saved: but all has been in vain. Suppose now there came some day a message from the Lord Jesus Christ promising that if you would but ask, He himself would go to these unsaved ones and deal directly with them. What an unheard of privilege would you count it to have Jesus Christ himself deal in person with a soul you loved! To have Jesus Christ work—not indeed in the body but in the Spirit—in your home, your church, your community; to have Jesus Christ give secret messages to your lost loved ones: to have Jesus Christ speak, woo, and win, as none else could: to have Jesus Christ with all His tact, wisdom, winsomness, patience, gentleness and compassion following on with unwearied zeal and tenderest love to bring back to God that soul for whom He had died:—what a promise? And yet this is exactly what prayer will accomplish, for He explicitly says, "If ye **ask I** will **do.**"

Think a moment of that unsaved loved one for whom all these years you have been doing. You have pleaded, argued, and expostulated in vain. You have preached Christ, you have tried to live Christ. You have exhausted every device and means that love, faith, or hope could conceive. Now that all **your** doing has failed how wondrous it would be into that life to bring His doing through your asking.

Hear Him speak: "My child **you** know not how to convict of sin, But **I,** who work as you pray, can bow down that soul in a very agony of conviction. You know not when to woo, and when to reprove, but **I,** who work as you ask, know just when to pour in the balm of love, and when to let fall the sharp, quick blow of needed judgment. **You** cannot follow a soul in daily, unbroken pursuit, for you are finite and must eat, rest and sleep, but I, who do as you follow that soul day and night, with sleepless vigilance, through every second of his existence. Now comforting, now troubling; now giving darkness, now light; now sending prosperity, now adversity; now using the knife, now the healing balm; chastening, troubling; bereaving, blessing; bending, breaking, making, yea, **I** can do all things needful to be done to bring that wanderer to himself and cause him to cry I will arise and go unto my Father."

What a message, too, is this for God's children who, through years of pain and affliction as invalids and "shut-ins," have mourned because cut off from the active service in which others are busy for God. Beloved sufferers be comforted. Blessed as is the ministry of **doing,** there is no higher, holier calling under heaven that that **asking** which calls forth **God's doing** in the lives of others. Your Master Jesus Christ, through every second of His eternal, heavenly life, is pouring out His soul in **unceasing asking ("He ever liveth to make intercession.")** What an honor that God should call you to that same eternal ministry to which His great Son now unceasingly gives Himself! Covet no other if this be thine. To enter into a needy life with your own doing is indeed precious, but to have God enter it through your **asking,** is it not greater by so much as God's doing is greater than thine? Hear Him speak to you. "O child of mine, laid upon a bed of helplessness and suffering, cease to repine because thou can'st not busy thyself with thine own doing, as others. For I tell thee that as in the silence of the night watches thou dost cry unto me for a lost world, I am doing what of my will thou art **asking.** Wouldst thou not rather call forth mine omnipotent doing by thine asking if to this I have called thee, than even to be busy with thine own doing? For if thou shalt ask (according to my will) I will do." And let your glad answer be, "Lord I rejoice. Though, shut within these four walls, I cannot touch men yet Thou who hast promised to do for me wilt touch and quicken them if I but ask. Though I

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STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS AND SPEAKERS

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Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of Nashville Bible College

Rev. J. R. Davidson, the Business Manager of the Nashville Bible College, will deliver the educational address in the afternoon of the second day of the association.

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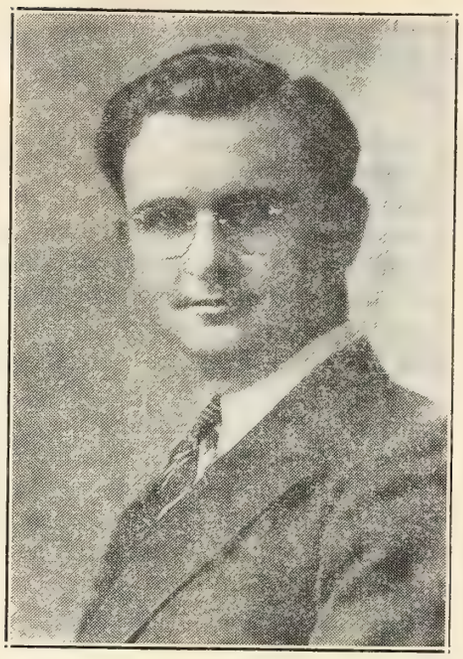
Rev. M. L. Johnson, Superannuation Director

Reverend M. L. Johnson, Superannuation Director, will deliver an address on the following subject: "Construction of Better Church Buildings" in the afternoon of Thursday.



Rev. F. A. Rivenbark

Reverend F. A. Rivenbark will deliver an important address on Friday morning, the last day of the association.

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Rev. J. W. Alford, Principal Speaker

Reverend J. W. Alford of Kenly, North Carolina, will deliver the Associational Sermon at the eleven o'clock hour on Thursday morning.

We regret that we do not have Brother Alford's cut to insert here, as we are doing for the other speakers of the association.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

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iod of twenty-five months. It looks as if any church might do this much to help build churches where there is a need for such. The Church Finance Association is growing and has already demonstrated the fact that great good can be accomplished. If, you attend the State Association, and if you listen to the report that is scheduled to be made by the officers of the C. F. A., Inc., you will be convinced that it is one of our most necessary, as well as one of the greatest mediums through and by which we can help the denomination to grow.

There are a large number of auxiliaries—Ladies Aid, Missionary societies, Leagues and Sunday Schools that can take at least one share of stock in the Association, even if they had to pay ONE DOLLAR per month. There are others that could pay the whole amount at once.

The Work of the Association

The Church Finance Association, Inc., has plans for a great work. The method of work is simple. Churches that wish to borrow from the Association approach the work just as if they wanted to borrow from any other Building and Loan Association. This organization is a real BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. It is governed by a set of officers that are elected by the parent body—The State Association of Free Will Baptists—in regular session. These persons are paid no salary. Only actual expenses are paid. If a church borrows money it pays 6 per cent interest; the same amount that would have to be paid to a commercial institution. By there being no high price salaries this interest is practically all clear money and is added to the capital stock, thus making the fund grow larger all the time.

In conclusion, I truly hope that every church and every auxiliary that can see the point to do so, will take at least TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS worth of stock during the MONTH OF AUGUST.

Remember Our Responsibility

The State Association is due to pay FIVE DOLLARS extra from its regular TEN DOLLARS to the National Association as registration fee. If the District does not send this FIVE DOLLARS then the State has to produce the amount in some way before getting registered in the National Association. So each Conference and Association that represents in the State Association should remember to send the amount of $5.00 plus their regular offerings. If North Carolina has five districts to send delegates to the State Association, then North Carolina has to pay $35.00 dollars to the National. This amendment was passed and put on record at Columbus, Miss., 1942, but

was over looked in the appropriation of the North Carolina Association last September.

A Special Invitation

We are inviting every Association in the State to join in and make the North Carolina State Association the greatest RELIGIOUS BODY in the UNITED STATES. We have the DOCTRINE. We have about thirty-five thousand Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. A little more than half of the membership is lined up with the State Association. So, we are asking every FREE WILL BAPTIST Conference and Association (that is every annual district meeting) to send its full quota of delegates to the Association this year. We hope to see delegates from every District at Middlesex week after the SECOND SUNDAY in September, on the FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH. Each district is entitled to one delegate for each one thousand members or fraction thereof. So, again, may we beg, that each ANNUAL MEETING—every District—send its full quota of delegates.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

This is the program of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina which is to be held in the town of Middlesex, in the Missionary Baptist Church, September 15th-17th, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

10:00—Devotional, Rev. J. F. Parish
—Report of Program Committee: Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Chairman
—Enrollment of Ministers and delegates
—Appointment of Committees
—Welcome address: Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent Free Will Baptist Orphanage, host Minister
—President's Message: Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:30—Worship and Praise
—Introductory Sermon: Rev. M. E. Tyson
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional, Rev. M. E. Godwin
—Recognition of visitors
—Report of Executive Committee
—Report from the National Association: Rev. L. R. Ennis
—Miscellaneous business
4:30—Adjournment

Evening

8:00—Worship and praise, led by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Missionary reports—
Home, Rev. W. K. Jordan
Foreign, Report and address, Rev. Chester Pelt

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotional: Rev. M. A. Woodard
—Reports of organizations—
State League, by Rev. Clarence Bowen; Address, Mrs. Chester Pelt
Sunday School, by Raymond Sasser; Address, Rev. L. E. Ballard
Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. C. B. Thompson; Address, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
11:30—Worship and Praise
—Associational sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Worship and Praise by Rev. C. R. Biggs
—Reports—
Free Will Baptist Bible School, Nashville, Tenn., by Rev. J. R. Davidson
Address, Subject: "Trained Christian Workers," by Rev. L. R. Ennis
Free Will Baptist Press, C. K. Dunn, Sr.
Address, "Our Method of Distributing Christian Literature" by Rev. R. B. Spencer
Church Finance Association by Rev. L. H. Weatherington
Address, "Construction of Better Church Buildings" by Rev. M. L. Johnson
—Business session
4:30—Adjournment

Evening—Orphanage Session

8:00—Devotional by Rev. J. C. Moye
—Report of the Board, W. A. Jackson, Chairman
—Superintendent's message, Rev. J. A. Evans
—Musical Series by Orphanage Chorus
—Pictures of Orphanage and Bible School by Rev. J. C. Griffin

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotional by Rev. J. H. Worley
—Reports—
Superannuation by Rev. M. L. Johnson
Address, "The Superannuated Minister" by Rev. Clarence Bowen
Temperance by the Chairman (appointed)
Address by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
Resolution Committee
Finance
Treasurer's, Rom W. Mallard
Appointment of delegates
Election of Officers
Memorial Service, Mrs. J. C. Moye
Adjournment
Lunch

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Sunday School of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, August 21, 1943, at the church. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket.

Sincerely,
Helen Wetherington

UNION REVIVAL SERVICES

Union Revival services of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church and the Rountree Christian Church will begin Third Sunday night, August 15th. The services will be conducted by Rev. G. H. Sullivan and J. C. Moye. The song services will be led by Rev. Howard James. The meeting will be at Bethany.

Come and worship with us.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EASTERN AUXILIARIES

Dear Co-Workers:

I am sure you have read Mrs. J. H. Oglesby's appeal in the Baptist paper of the July 28 issue in regards to our mission work and its needs. She is asking our Eastern District to give three dozen knives, three dozen forks, three dozen tea spoons, and one dozen table spoons.

Now, I am asking each local society of the Eastern District to send me one ($1.00) dollar that we may be able to buy the list that Sister Oglesby has asked us to furnish for the Bible School in Cuba. I am hoping that all societies will respond. Please do not wait, for we have only until August 25 to get together these things. Let us read Matthew 28:19. We all cannot go, but we can send our means, and witness for Christ in this way at home. I am hoping that the response will be great to this appeal and that we will be able to do even more than we are asked to do.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Third Vice-President, Cash Corner, N. C.

PINEY GROVE REVIVAL

May I have space in the F. W. B. paper to announce that Rev. S. A. Smith of Beulaville, N. C., will begin a series of protracted meetings at Piney Grove (Beaufort County) on August 20th, or Friday night before fourth Sunday in August. The meeting is scheduled to close August 29th. All in a reasonable distance are invited to attend. We solicit the prayers of the praying people for the success of the meeting.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

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A MESSAGE ON HELL

Rev. W. F. Clark
Thomasville, Ga.

I want to call attention to a scripture found in Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man, for God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or bad."

Solomon, in his old age, realized there was a charge to keep and a God to glorify and a duty to be performed by man. God fixed it so man could choose for himself in this life. He made plain the two ways, one a strait way, which means something difficult to travel. Paul said, "I am in a strait betwixt two—two powers, God's and the devil's. The devil surely will make it hard for a Christian. I find it so in my life. That is his business.

Then he mentioned about a broad way. The devil can lay down and take a nap in the broad way. Here is a bunch of people traveling this road—seem to be perfectly satisfied, no special objective in this life or the life to come, just adrift on the ocean of time. A dead object can drift down stream, but it has to be alive to go up stream. In other words, you can't drift up stream. The Book makes plain the two masters, their names and their business. God, the giver of all good gifts and the devil, whose business it is to destroy everything that is good, here and hereafter. I believe that both sinner and saint are familiar with the two names, and what they stand for. The Book also makes plain the two destinies, Heaven and hell and what they are prepared for.

The Book also makes plain both places, the beginning, forever, everlasting, eternal, eternity — which means existing from the beginning without change, something with a perpetual duration. The first day in hell will be as hot as the one thousand years. The people will have their right mind in hell. The lesson taught in Luke 16: 16-30—"This man died and was buried and lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torment, seeing Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom."

The word makes it clear that we will have our mind, see, and hear in hell. If one could only lose his hearing, seeing, feeling and mind, hell wouldn't be so bad, but the people there will have all four. This is all fixed and cannot be changed. Remember, brother, every sin shall be brought to judgment, said the word in Ecclesiastes 12: 14.

Also, in Gal. 6: 7, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Vs. 8). If we sow to the flesh we shall reap corruption, meaning depravity. Remember the rich man, how he first begged for himself, second, how he begged for his brethren. He had reaped corruption, deprived from any communication back home along with his suffering in the flames.

The soul is a spiritual being and the second death is a spiritual death, mentioned in Rev. 21: 8, which means a separation from God and condemned to everlasting punishment.

Now turn to Matt. 25: 41, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Please notice, it is a prepared place for the devil and his family.

Please turn to Matt. 9: 43, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." Here Jesus said that it is better to enter Heaven alone, than go to hell with your ungodly friends. We are taught to come out from among them; be separate, saith the Lord.

Again, turn to Isa. 66: 24, "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." Figuratively, the worm means a despised person.

Turn to Rev. 20: 10, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are,

and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. The devil and all his children would give a world like this, (if they could) to remove the day and night for ever and ever from this verse, but, thank God, it is there to stay.

Isa. 34: 9-10, "It shall not be quenched day nor night. The smoke shall go up forever. None shall pass through it forever and ever." Notice, he said, "None shall pass through it for ever and ever." Live in it, but not through it.

In Rev. 21: 8, it tells us what kind of people will populate hell. Listen! "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Rev. 14: 10, "He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Holy angels and in the presence of the lamb."

Rev. 19: 20, "And the beast and the false prophets and them that received the mark of the beast were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

To prove there will be no excuses accepted at the judgment, listen to II Peter 2: 4, 9: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

In conclusion, please notice God keeps a record of his family and we will be judged accordingly, as found in Rev. 20: 15: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

SAVING

The mission of our Master was to seek and to save the lost. He came to save the lost. He lived to save the lost. He died to save the lost and He arose to save the lost. Everyone that has been saved, is being saved, or will be saved was saved for the purpose of saving others.

The Church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. The obligation rests upon all Christians. Everyone, to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfill the Saviour's commission. The love of Christ revealed to us makes us debtors to all those who know him not. God has given us light to shed upon them. God might have committed the message of the Gospel, and all the work of loving ministry to the heavenly angels or he might have employed some other means for accomplishing his purpose. But in his infinite love, He chose to make us co-workers with himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry.

If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands and there would be far more earnest labor for souls in our own land. All would be on the outlook for souls to save as the gold miner is on the outlook for new veins of gold.

We need not go to heathen lands or even leave our own homes or church to save lost souls, it is there our duty lies. The important thing about the place is being sure that you are serving in the place that God appointed for you.

The Sunday School holds one of the top ranks in the saving of the lost. It is an organization of the church which should be made up of those who have been born again. Each member of the Sunday School should be a potential son or daughter of Christ. Otherwise the Sunday School is divided against itself and can not stand. Every Sunday School should have for its goal the salvation of each and every student. If attendance in Sunday School does not bring about a closer knowledge and walk with the Master, something is radically wrong with the whole set up.

An unregenerated church member is by far worse than no church member. A church of unregenerated members is a distinct liability to the cause of the Kingdom, and will do more harm than any number of scoffers and infidels. Likewise a Sunday School that has been in existence any length of time and still numbers the majority of its members among the unsaved is no longer an asset but a liability to the community and Christendom.

The Sunday School has been called the "noblest development of the 19th century." The past hundred years have seen the origin and development of more agencies for human betterment and human progress than any preceding century since the Christian era. In the long list of these worthy organizations and institutions, the Sunday School holds imperial rank; and as an agency for far-reaching reformation and effective training, its possibilities have not yet been realized. Born of a movement which gave unusual attention to the salvation of young lives, the Sunday School has developed rapidly and now more than ever does the responsibilities for saving rest upon it.

Is it not better to give a whole life to Christ than a mere portion of it? Then, if it is true, is it not more important to save a child for the Kingdom than an adult? Why should we lend our most precious and valuable jewels, our children, to the Devil until they become tarnished and tainted with sin and then ask Christ to begin a refining process? Young life is the beginning of that serious and responsible reality called life. It is the bud from which are to come blossoms and fruit. It is the early light, and sunrise for mid-day and sunset and evening. It is the first few steps of a long journey.

What a young life makes of itself determines very largely what later life and old age are to be. The molds of character are laid during the first twenty years of one's life. To-day makes to-morrow.

It is a mistake to leave young people to the play and power of circumstance. We must wait for years to mature, and for experience to give wisdom; but we must wait actively. Thus it is the duty of the Sunday School to direct these young lives.

The conversion of the boys and girls, who are being taught (and their development and growth into

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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GOD GIVES LAWS FOR HIS PEOPLE

(Lesson for August 22)

Lesson: Exo. 23: 1-9; Gal. 3: 23-28; 5: 13, 14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" (Lu. 20: 27).

Those who think it's a grand gesture of patriotism to give cigarettes to soldiers and sailors should read this. It was not concocted by fanatics, but was given in the press. A broadcast from Stuttgart, Germany, told how the glow of a cigarette cost us a ship and its cargo, and we will never know how many lives.

And now the newspaper speaks: "As recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, the broadcast was made by a U-boat captain. It said: 'The sea was calm, but the night was dark as we lay on the surface. Our lookout on watch had no suspicion that a steamer was near until he saw the rise and fall of a spot of red in the distance. Strange as the light was out there in the lonesome area, he recognized it as a burning cigarette and knew a ship was near. We trailed the ship for six hours and when dawn came, torpedoed it.' "

In most of our coast cities illumination is cut to a minimum so the glow against the horizon will not be the background revealing a ship to enemy U-boats.

Evidently we need an additional dimout. But try and get it!

—Moody Monthly.

A man who loves God as the G. T. declares he should, is the only man who can love himself and his neighbor in the highest sense.

II. Lesson High Points

In 1924 there were 657,892 laws on the statute books of the various governments in the United States. Most of those laws had to do with what the summary of the Decalog includes in the statement, **Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

From this it would appear that the American people are the best people in the world so far as good behavior is concerned. But the contrary is nearer right; instead of being law-abiding, we have the reputation of being the most lawless in the world.

The reason for this situation is not hard to find. It is not a case of laws being bad laws, it is a case of people being bad people. Good people do not have any trouble with the laws, no matter how many are put on the statute books. But bad people are bad, and the laws show how bad they are.

And what good does it do to show people how bad they are? On this point no Christian needs to be a pessimist. The Lord Jesus can make law fulfillers out of the very worst people in the world. And it is a matter of record that a great many people who accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, do so because they have learned that they need **Someone** to save them from their evil ways and doings. So that the Letter to the Galatians is right in saying that God's laws and all other good laws really bring us to the Saviour; **they show us our need of the Saviour.**

—Selected.

Neither shalt thou countenance (favor) **a poor man in his case,** verse 3. According to this law or command, if a person favors or honors a poor man in his case, to hide or cover up his crime, he is then conniving, or acting in collusion with his criminality. Because he is poor is no good reason to shield or cloak his sin. This rule of human conduct applies to the rich as well as to the poor in Leviticus 19: 15. Thus it is seen, justice is to be shown alike both to the poor and the rich. That is God's will toward the races of men, and all Christian people should manifest the spirit of justice among all men. Accordingly, speaking the truth, walking circumspectly before the public, and being just and honorable with everyone constitute correct principles of human conduct among the races of men.

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Vs. 24. **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** 25. **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.** Paul is saying in substance here that the law kept the Jews as children under age, and served as a schoolmaster or tutor to teach them the ways of God and prepare them for the acceptance of Christ. The law revealed the need of righteousness and prepared the people to have faith in Christ as the Son of God. God sent His Son into the world when He saw that the Jews were prepared to pass from the tutorship of the law to that of leadership in the new order of the church which Christ would establish. They were then no longer under the exacting law, but under the grace of God as it is in Christ Jesus. So are we under grace today.

—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Believer's Relation to Governments

Introduction: Emphasize that primarily we are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3: 20, R. V.), only strangers and pilgrims on earth (I Pet. 2: 11), and therefore not to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12: 2). Not reformation, but regeneration; not improving the world, but delivering out of the world, is the believer's task (Gal. 1: 4). Nevertheless:

1. Rulers are ordained of God (Rom. 13: 1-4).
2. Believers to be subject to them (Rom. 13: 5).
3. Believers to pay taxes promptly (Rom. 13: 6-8).
4. Believers to pray for all in authority (I Tim. 2: 1-4).
5. Believers may appeal to officials (Acts 23: 17-22; 25: 11).
6. Believers will judge the world (I Cor. 6: 2).
7. Believers will rule over nations (Rev. 2: 26, 27).

—N. H. Camp in Moody Monthly.

"I Would Be True"

"I would be true, for there are those
who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

"I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift!"

—Selected.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Sunday School officers, Superintendents, teachers, and secretaries of the Central Conference, Second Union Meeting District, are to take notice of this announcement.

On August 29, 1943, the S. S. Convention of the Second Union will meet at the Ayden F. W. B. Church at 10 o'clock E. W. T.

We are requesting all officers and teachers to attend this convention. Please use substitutes in your local school on August 29th. If you can't do this, please call off for this time as we think it will repay you in the future work. Please send those in your Sunday School who are to be future officers and teachers.

We are having a Sunday School Institute for the purpose of unifying our Sunday Schools and to teach our people how to teach and manage Sunday Schools. Much has been done to make this Institute and convention of real value to our people.

We trust that each Sunday School Superintendent will put this matter before his school and support the work. Pray that God will lead us on to greater things.

There has been a teacher or instructor assigned to teach each department of our Sunday School. Much time and labor is being used in preparation by these people to make your time worth your effort, so please take advantage and attend without failure.

Please talk about this Institute and tell all of our people about it.

We desired to write each Sunday School, but due to the fact we do not have the names and addresses we can't, so please do your part by informing all you can and insist that each Sunday School represent.

Bro. Ministers, this is an opportunity for you to help us carry this great work on. We desire your support. We are depending on you. Meet us there.

You can expect to see a list of the teachers or instructors for each department soon in the Baptist, also the program for our convention.

Please pray and think much about our needs as co-workers and let us meet, and help improve our fields of labor as there is so much awaiting us.

Yours for better Sunday Schools,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

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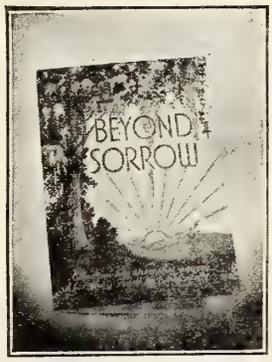

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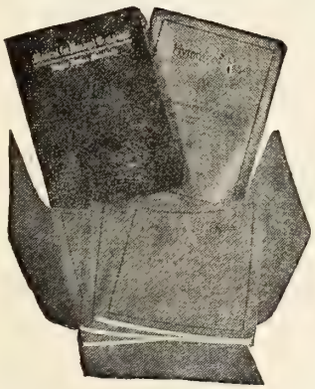

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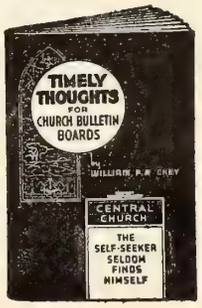

Boys and Girls Corner

ELIJAH HIDING IN A CAVE

Brave and true as Elijah had been, there was once that he lost his courage and failed to trust in his heavenly Father.

When Ahab reached home from Mt. Carmel, he hurried to Jezebel, his wife, and told her all that Elijah had done; of the fire that came down from heaven and burnt the sacrifice and of the putting to death of the priests of Baal. At once Jezebel went into a terrible rage. She said: "Elijah must surely die!" She was so crazy with anger she sent a messenger to Elijah. "Thus saith the queen, So let the gods be to me, and more also, if I do not cause thee to be killed to-morrow."

Suddenly Elijah, the man who faced the angry king and the great host of Israel, lost his bravery. Without waiting to find out what God wanted him to do, forgetting how God had always cared for him in the past, he fled out of the land of Israel into Judah, and, still afraid, a day's journey into the wilderness. There, all alone, weary and hungry and sick, he huddled down under a juniper-tree, and began to moan his fate. He was so discouraged that he begged God to let him die. "Take away my life, O Lord," he cried.

In the midst of his despair he fell asleep. Presently an angel touched him on the arm, awakening him.

"Arise and eat," said the angel. Glowing before his eyes were some red-hot coals on which a cake was baking, and near by was a jug of water. After he had eaten he lay down again and soon was slumbering. A second time an angel awakened him. "Arise and eat, because the distance is too great for thee," the angel said. A second time he ate, and then, arising, he set out through the wilderness for Mt. Horeb. For forty nights and days he traveled, without anything more to eat or drink, until he reached the mountain.

Elijah, at Mt. Horeb, found a cave and went in to hide himself. Now he was not only discouraged, but ashamed, because he had fled. He was very unhappy. He heard the Lord asking of him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

He tried to make excuses. He told how faithful he had been to God, and how wicked Israel had been; how all God's prophets had been killed, and now "I, even I only, am left; and they seek to slay me."

God's loving care was still about Elijah, even in his weakness. "Go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord," came the command.

Elijah obeyed. As he stood upon the rugged mountainside there came a terrible cyclone down into the valley which blew over great trees and sent heavy rocks crashing down into the valley. Then came an earthquake which seemed about to tear the mountain to pieces. Then a great wave of fire seemed to sweep up from the valley. Elijah, calm again, stood unafraid. He knew that the Lord was not in these. Suddenly, after all the tumult, there came a still small voice that asked again: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Then the prophet drew his cloak over his face, and in fear and awe heard the voice of God.

"Go, return on thy way to Damascus, and when thou comest anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; and Jehu to be king over Israel; and Elisha to be prophet in thy place." Then the Lord told Elijah that he was not the only follower of God who had escaped death; that seven thousand of the children of Israel were still refusing to worship the idol Baal and were loyal servants of God.

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PRAYER

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am all the day weary and helpless yet Thou, who hast promised to do for me, art in Thy doing tireless and omnipotent. Though I cannot raise a hand nor stir a foot yet Thou, who hast promised to do if I ask, wilt move heaven and earth to bless those for whom I pray. Though my human asking must soon end with my passing away, yet Thy mighty doing called forth by my asking, will go on through all time, yea through eternity itself. Yea Lord since I can pray down **Thy** mighty doing into the lives I love, shall I longer mourn because I am shut out from **my** doing? What though I can not do if Thou who dost work at my asking can do **miracles?** So Lord, though I can do nothing, help me to remember with new joy and hope thy blessed promise.

If ye ask I will do.

It is a promise for our service

Concerning those things that only God can do we naturally betake ourselves to prayer. For knowing that we ourselves cannot do them, we find our hope only in that asking which brings God's doing. But let us remember, too, that our own personal service, in the things which **we can** do, needs also that asking which will bring God's doing into it. Do we realize that every thing we do needs to be saturated with the spirit of prayer that **God** may be the real doer, the real worker in the things which we are busily doing? Yet this is a mighty truth: "If ye ask I will do" applies to your own service as well as your intercession for others.

Have you ever toyed with the key of a telegraph instrument while the circuit was closed? If so you have noted this fact. On that key you may write a complete message, from address to signature. Upon it every telgraphic character may be perfectly formed; every condition of expert operating may be fulfilled. But it matters not how skillful an operator you are, so long as the electric circuit is closed, all your efforts are simply sounding brass and clattering platinum. Not a single spark of electric life do you transmit; not a

single message of good or ill, of bane or blessing is conveyed to the waiting listener at the other end of the line? Why? **Because the battery is not working.** And all **your** working is effort without result, activity without power. But now you open the little brass lever which connects your key to the battery hidden beneath the table. Immediately every letter you form thrills with life, every word you write flashes a living message into the mind and heart of the far-away receiver. Through your work, dead and mechanical in itself, the electric battery is now pouring forth its vital stream, flooding with life and power every deft motion of your flying fingers.

The lesson is plain. It is in spiritual telegraphy as in material. If the battery is not working the message is mere clatter. **We** may **do,** but if **God** is not doing through us then all our doing is naught. If we work in our fleshly strength we will but effect fleshly results, for "whatsoever is born of the flesh **is** flesh." God alone is spiritual life. God is the only begetter of life. Our highest function as servants is to be transmitters of the life of God to others. Our highest doing is that in which God is doing through us. And how shall this be? Through prayer. Prayer connects you with the divine battery of life and power. Prayer puts you " in the Spirit," and "it is **the Spirit** that quickeneth." From the chamber of prayer you come forth to men with the unction, the subtle power, the thrill of God's own life upon you, and as you touch them in speech, deed, or prayer, "virtue goes forth from you," for then it is not you but God that worketh in you. As you keep asking God keeps doing. When you grow prayerless your deeds grow powerless. Lead no meeting without **asking** that God may be the real leader through you; speak no message without **asking** that He may speak through you; begin no work without **asking** that God may work through you. For

"If ye ask I will do."

— A Gospel Tract

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SAVING

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intelligent Christian characters) are, therefore, the ends for which the institution exists. It should be the aim of every Christian worker to make the high ideals and noble characteristics of Bible Characters a part of the lives of those with whom they come into contact. They save the wonderful lessons of truth for boys and girls to be used in their lives and to be handed down to their children. The church that saves the children will be the church that will evangelize the world.

Saving is a complete and all inclusive process. Not only is the soul saved, but the mind, body, talents, ambitions, hopes, and even possibilities of that life are saved for service in the vineyard of the Lord and for the benefit of the human race.

The mind is saved from evil and corrupt thoughts, destructive in their nature and ruinous in their results, for a work that is noble in character and constructive in all its details.

The body is saved from a possible life of destitution, degredation, shame and pollution for a life of service gloriously dedicated to the care and uplift of the human family.

The soul is saved from an eternal night for one eternal and happy day.

The talents are saved from use in the increase of crime, destitution, poverty and the enlargement of Hell to the glory of God, the extension of His Kingdom and the salvation of the lost.

Hopes and ambitions are saved from selfish and low use which are injurious to both the individual and to society alike to the higher use of unselfish and sacrificial service to the human family.

Let all Sunday School workers remember that "he who winneth souls is wise."

P. S.—Talk at National Sunday School Convention held with the East Nashville F. W. B. Church, July 12, 1943, by Trula Gunter of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Route 9, Greenville, Tennessee.

The Sunday School Convention voted to have the talk published in the Church papers.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR MONTH OF JULY

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Winford Davis, Treasurer

STONEY CREEK REVIVAL

The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, five miles northeast of Goldsboro, is holding its annual revival, which began Sunday evening, August 8th, and will close Sunday evening, August 22nd.

The pastor, Rev. Clarence Bowen, is officiating. Rev. Bowen is a graduate of Campbell College and is a man of unusual ability in the art of influencing each and every member of his congregation. He is also a man of evangelism, and his efforts in this behalf are untiring.

Prayer Meetings have been held each Sunday evening during the past month, and through this preparation, it is the hope of the people that this Revival will be long remembered, not only through the Sight of Man but through the Sight of God.

All members are urged to attend, and visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. K. R. Smith

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4: 6.

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  Will never close His ear;
He who hath marked thy faintest sigh,
  Will not forget thy tear.
He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest on Him, today, forever!

Then trust Him to-day
  As thine unfailing Friend,
And let Him lead thee all the way,
  Who loveth to the end.
And let the morrow rest
  In His beloved hand;
His good is better than our best,
  As we shall understand—
If, trusting Him who faileth never,
We rest on Him, to-day, forever!

—Frances Ridley Haverga.

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UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of North Carolina convened with Bridgeton Church in Craven County in May, 1943. Rev. Duff Toler conducted the devotions, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Everett.

The minutes of the last union were read and approved, and the roll was called. A resolution was passed for a committee to be appointed to write resolutions of respect for Rev. M. C. Prescott. The committee appointed are as follows: L. H. Wetherington, W. B. Everett and J. C. Griffin. Rev. W. B. Everett was selected to preach today at the eleven o'clock hour.

The list of churches was called, after which Brother Everett then preached. After the message dinner was served on the church grounds. After lunch, the union re-assembled for the transaction of business, and prayer was offered by Brother R. R. Jones.

A motion was carried that the committee known as the Investigating Committee of churches be discharged, and in the future a committee be appointed as needed for this purpose. A special collection was taken for the Orphanage, and Rev. B. W. Wells, which amounted to $30.00. It was divided.

Treasurer's Report

On hand and received at this union	$130.96
Disbursed to Orphanage	85.00
To Finance Corp.	5.00
To National Bible School	10.00
To Home Missions	5.00
For Gospel Tracts	5.00
To the clerk	5.00
Amount left on hand	$15.96

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Bridgeton Church and community for the fine hospitality shown this union. We closed the union with prayer to meet the next time with British Chapel in Lenoir County.

Clifton Rice, Moderator,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

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EDITORIAL

NEW HONOR ROLL—

The New Honor Roll for the new year will begin September 1. All subscriptions coming in during the last days of August will be credited on the new roll for those who sent them in to the Press.

We wish to thank those who secured subscriptions for the Baptist paper during this year, and are asking that they continue to get subscriptions for the paper during the coming year. The subscription list for this year has been very good, but it should have been much better considering the fact that more people are becoming more interested in the different phases of the work of the denomination in all of the states where the Free Will Baptist churches are established.

We are asking the ministers in the different states to make an early start in September, and to work their churches faithfully for large numbers of new and renewal subscriptions during the fall months. Remember, for every ten yearly subscriptions you secure, you get one subscription free to give to whom you desire for one year. When you send in your list of names and addresses, be sure to give the name and address of the one or ones whom you are placing on the free list for one year.

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UNIONS TO CONVENE—

The district union meetings of the various conferences and associations are to meet on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August. These district bodies are doing a good work for the ongoing of the church and its work. They do much good in a financial way in helping the Orphanage, contributing to Foreign and Home Missions, Christian education, Superannuation, and by stimulating interest in many different subjects of importance to the church and to the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

All churches should see to it that delegates shall represent them in their respective unions, and that they take an active part in the work of these meetings. Usually the Sunday School conventions of these districts convene on the Fifth Sunday following the unions, and at the same churches for their Sunday School work. They, too, are doing a splendid work for the improvement of the different Sunday Schools in the different churches. This work should be greatly encouraged by the church people and leaders, and it should be the means of setting greater standards of achievement before the local Sunday Schools. There is room for greater progress to be made, and more good to be accomplished for the youth of the church.

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BIBLE SCHOOL IN CUBA—

The Women's Auxiliary, both State and National, of the Free Will Baptist Church in America is sending out through the columns of the Baptist paper and the Free Will Baptist Gem, a challenge to the local auxiliaries of the different churches to rush adequate funds to the Willeys right away so that sufficient money shall be raised to enable them to begin the establishment of the Bible School early this fall. The need is great and no time should be delayed in the movement to effect this educational institution in that land for the training of native ministers for active service in the F. W. B. work among the people of Cuba.

The foundation has been well laid there by the Willeys and some others for a wonderful work, and the church at home should be liberal in its giving to this splendid work. Our people are waking up to the Great Command of Christ, and are seeing the need of a greater support of missions both home and foreign. May the heavenly Father bless everyone who gives cheerfully and liberally to this great cause, and use their gifts in a great way for His glory and the salvation of the lost in Cuba. It will take both prayers and money to build in that land an educational foundation by the whole denomination that shall in years to come prove a great blessing to thousands of native Cubans in bringing them to Christ.

THE POWER OF THE WORD

I was in a train some time ago, and in the same car was a young fellow, a student from Liverpool. I asked him if he knew the Lord, and he said that he did.

"Have you known Him long?"

"Three years."

"What led you to the Lord?"

"Well," he answered, "it was seeing the joy that other people had and that I had not. I realized that they had something which I did not possess."

"How did you find the joy?"

"I just took a text out of the Song of Solomon (8: 13), and made it a daily prayer until God answered it."

The text was this: "Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: caues me to hear it!" A most unusual text, but there is the power of the Word of God leading a young university man to the Lord.

What confidence it ought to give us in sending portions of the Word hither and thither! If we do the sowing, God will see to the growing. The cry from the fields is, Who will show us any good?—Bishop Taylor Smith.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'Twas pleasant to walk with the Master
Through meadows that were fair,
With life well worth the living
And roses everywhere.
But true fellowship was never found
Till I walked the lonely road
And found one close beside me
Who gently lifted my load.
—Wm. Esler Slocum in Upper Room.

Are You a Christian?

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

A young lady came to me recently and said, "I would like to ask your advice about something, if you will be kind enough to permit me?" "Quite willingly," I answered; "what is it, and what can I do for you?"

"Well, I want to ask what you think as to giving up my position, and devoting my whole time to Christian work?"

I had known this young woman for some time, and had seen her quite frequently, both in business and at prayer meetings, and so far as I could judge, she was a very nice and well-behaved young person. But something led me to say, "Before I answer your question, let me also ask one of you—Are you saved?"

"I don't know just what you mean; I'm a Christian."

"But what I want to know is whether you are saved? If you intend to engage in Christian work for others, you must first know that you yourself are saved. So I must ask again, Are you saved?"

"I am a member of the orthodox church; but, just what do you mean by your question?"

"I mean this: A Christian is one who has realized his sinful condition in God's sight, and his inability to save himself, by self-improvements, by good works, or anything he can do, and therefore has trusted alone in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation."

But this young woman did not wish to take such a position. She was expecting to reach heaven by her good deeds, a correct life and religious ways; but, alas, she knew nothing of a lost sinner casting himself upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation. And when I quoted to her Isaiah 64: 6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags," she insisted that I was calling her names. Yet she wanted to do Christian work! wanted to teach others the way to God!

The more I talked with her the more her condition and opposition to the truth became manifest, until, finally, I found that she refused both the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning death on the cross as our Substitute, and the only means of our salvation. Yet she wanted to devote all her time to Christian work!

I finally warned this nice young lady, as lovingly as I could, that she was a lost sinner on the way to perdition, though she thought herself en route to heaven, and was quite put out when I insisted she was bound in the opposite direction.

What about you, my dear young readers? Are you trusting for salvation in anything else than the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, that cleanseth from all sin? Not orthodox church-membership, not regular Sunday School attendance, nor kind deeds or nice speeches, not even the giving out of Gospel tracts —all good things, and right in their place—can save any one of us. But, just as you are, confessing your sinfulness to God, put all your confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, that He might bring us to God.

—F., in the Sunday School Visitor.

PASTOR WANTED

The Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Ahoskie, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor for another year. The church year will begin November 1, 1943, and the services we would expect the pastor to render would be on First Saturday morning, First and Third Sunday morning and night of each month.

Any minister wishing this offer should let us know as soon as possible.

(Mrs.) L. C. Dilday

The absence of the unevangelized from church services is a fact admitted on all sides and needs no elaboration. In the more so-called evangelistic churches, manned by evangelistic pastors, they are only present in small numbers. In the Bible Schools and occasionally in the young people's societies the unconverted are still in evidence, though not as one might wish. Mass evangelism has practically been abandoned, and where yet attempted, is rather a pale shadow of its former vogue and triumph.

It is not the ministers alone who fail to draw; churches also draw or repel. A minister has in his calendar this line: "Help your pastor draw." Churches sometimes by their conduct lose their good reputation in their communities. The recent Oxford agreement and deliverance to the effect that the world is influencing the Church more than the Church is influencing the world, is a sorry admission. One citation or two in proof of that contention will suffice. Less than 50 per cent of the Protestant membership of the churches attend with any degree of regularity.

The first question today is not why the unchurched do not attend church services, but why church members do not attend? As long as that is the case, why turn in bewilderment to an oblivious world? Let judgment begin at the house of God. If loyal church members could influence their disloyal brethren to become faithful, a concern for religion would once more visit the communities where the careless have been living. A reenforced Church might then turn to the twenty-seven millions of young people in the United States who receive no religious education, Catholic, Jewish or Christian.

Something more than good preaching and worshipful services are needed to attract people. First, let

ministers be forever through heaping contempt upon "ringing doorbells," inferring that homiletic and cultural habits make such work a weariness to the flesh. This writer has not yet observed that such pastors are the most wonderful preachers. There may be a preaching which needs to be done at some Jacob's well, or at midnight to some Nicodemus, who is not fully satisfied with public discourses, and desires a private interview. Knowing people is essential to the preaching that people need. Theodore Cuyler used to say that his people gave him more sermons than he gave them.

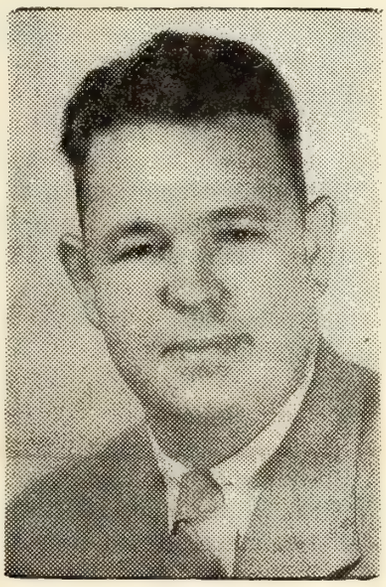
But not alone should the pastor go among the people, he should also teach his officiary to do likewise, and as many others as he and his officers can secure to join them. Church rolls should be divided up between the deacons and deaconesses, with the avowed purpose of achieving 100 per cent attendance. Many in such lists will require little oversight, except in cases of difficulty, sorrow or death. Intensive cultivation should be devoted to those out on the periphery of interest, and by very legitimate effort they should be brought into vital concern and worthy membership. When the officiary, and others, associated with them, succeed in getting the whole membership of their church into the worship services, they may then turn with confidence and hope to the outsider.—Dr. T. J. Hopkins, in The Watchman-Examiner.

A LIVING SERMON

A certain minister, grown old in the service, lost his voice and could not speak loudly enough to be heard by half the congregation. He offered to resign as pastor of the church he had served for thirty years, but the board refused to hear of it. Nevertheless, he always had a good attendance at the services. When asked the secret of the aged minister's strange power to hold his people together, one of his parishioners remarked: "It's a sermon just to see old Dr.____ walk down the aisle." He had been so faithful, and they loved him so, that his very presence was a blessing and benediction to them. —Otterbein Teacher.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I will be at Flood's Chapel, Nash County, from August 22 until August 29 in a revival meeting with Brother Frank Parrish, pastor. Beginning Sunday evening, August 29, I will be with Brother J. B. Ferrell at St. Mary's Grove in Johnson County, through September 5.



Rev. Jenkins

Beginning on September 12 through September 19, I will be at St. Delight Church in Franklin County, with Rev. J. B. Ferrell as pastor. Please pray that God will bless us in these meetings.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Rev. Paul Jenkins,
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Route 1

GOD'S BENEVOLENCE

Whatever blessing is in our cup, it is sure to run over. With our Father the calf is always the fatted calf; the robe is always the best robe; the joy is unspeakable; the peace passeth understanding; the grace so abundant that the recipient has all sufficiency for all things, and abounds in every good work. There is no grudging in God's benevolence! —F. B. Meyer.

TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

I wish to take this opportunity, through the columns of the Baptist paper, to remind all ministers and delegates that the time for the first session of the South Carolina State Association is drawing very near.

For the benefit of anyone who may not have read our previous notice, this is to advise you that the meeting will be in Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, Whitney, South Carolina, on September 10, at 10:00 A. M. You can come to the city of Spartanburg, S. C. by train or bus, and get a street bus out to Whitney Mill every hour. After getting to Whitney Mill village, it is very easy to find the way to the church. In case you get there early, go to the home of W. D. Sawyer, or W. H. Ayers. Anyone you meet can tell you just how to find them.

There will be an evening service on the ninth for the benefit of the early comers. Let us pray that each church will send a delegate with a liberal contribution, and that all Free Will Baptist ministers in South Carolina and those who pastor churches in our State, will be present, and will help us to have a good state association.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer,
Corresponding Secretary,
203 Poplar Street,
Clover, S. C.

NOTICE

Teachers of the Sunday School Institute to be held with the Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference in Ayden, N. C., Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, on August 29, 1943.

The nature of this Institute is to teach teachers how to teach and Superintendents and Secretaries how to be more efficient.

Teachers

Beginners—Miss Clarissa Edwards
Primary—Mrs. R. C. Wiggs
Junior—Mrs. M. A. Woodard
Intermediate—Mrs. Cora L. Spivey
Senior and Adult—Miss Mary Ida McGlohon
Superintendents and Secretaries—Rev. R. P. Harris

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Year Book of Programs for 1943-44

The Year Book of Programs, as arranged, will have for its "Watchword" the word **"Steadfast"** and the "Theme" is **"Steadfastness."** This "watchword" and the Theme is taken from the 15th chapter of 1 Cor. and the 58 verse, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Lord."

If we are in the right place, and in the right relationship with God we have no desire to be moved away from this fellowship. However, there are "weights" and sins that are always ready to be slipped into our path by our adversary, the Devil, that would get us moved away from our "Steadfastness" therefore, the apostle admonished us to be **"Steadfast."** (I like to use blackface letters for emphises on this important subject).

Sometime back I ran up with an old friend, and in talking to him about the work of Christ, he said, "I do not enjoy my church life like I use to." I found out that he had been moved. Had he followed the admonision as set forth by Paul in the above scripture, his experience would have been different. He could have said, as of old, "I was glad when they said let us go unto the house of the Lord." Yes, there is danger of getting off—"losing the joy of salvation."

One Week Closer

What is it? The State Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Have we thought much about it? Pastors have we, all gotten our delegates and offerings ready. No time to lose. We are looking for a great blessing. We should all share in these blessings. Remember that extra $5.00 for the 1944 session of the National Association, and take it along.

God Sent His Son

To heal the broken-hearted—Luke 4: 18

To preach deliverance—Luke 4: 18

To give sight to the blind—Luke 4: 18

To set at liberty the captives—Luke 4: 18

To save the world—John 3: 17

To be the Saviour of all who will believe—John 3: 16

Reader, have you been personally blessed by the **Coming of the Lord Jesus?** If not, blame no one but yourself

Friend, Are You Thirsty

Jesus said to the woman at Jacob's well, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4: 14).

Reports

All Standing committees and officers of the State Association should have all reports ready to be read at the appointed time according to the program. Too, every one who is to appear on the Program should try to fill his place. And in case that it be impossible to fill the place, the Chairman of the Program Committee, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C., should be given notice at once.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road—
It's here the race of men go by.
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong
Wise, foolish—so am I;
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

—Sam Walter Foss

The revival conducted by the Reverend J. B. Bloss is proving to be a great success to this church and community. We hope and pray that the Lord will greatly continue to bless Brother and Sister Bloss as they carry their gospel messages to the lost. —D. J. O. Donnell.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS REPORTS

12th Week

Reunion Chapel	$ 47.40
Palmetto Chapel	102.50
Rock of Zion	71.00
New Bethlehem	31.50
Arapahoe Sunday School	44.78
Arapahoe Church	48.00
Oriental	77.52
Bethel	50.10
Total	$472.80

13th Week

Trent	$ 50.00
Mt. Zion	52.08
Warden's Grove L. A. S.	15.00
Warden's Grove S. S.	10.00
Warden's Grove Church	48.00
Mt. Olive	12.25
Dublin Grove S. S.	5.00
Dublin Grove L. A. S.	5.00
Dublin Grove Church	75.63
White Hill	22.18
Core Point	26.86
Total	$322.00

14th Week

Ephesus Church	$ 27.57
Union Chapel	41.82
Free Will Baptist Gems	5.20
Total	$ 74.59

15th Week

Smyrna	$ 41.03
Elwood Lane	38.88
Mabie Avenue	50.00
Goshen Grove Church	33.00
Goshen Grove L. A. S.	10.00
Beaver Creek S. S. Convention	5.00
Washington St.	15.00
N. Rhyne St.	31.00
Sale of Free Will Baptist Gems	7.30
Total	$231.21

(Miss) Faustina Shearon,
Manager

ANNABEL LEE

It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee;
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child and she was a child,
In this kingdom by the sea;
But we loved with a love that was more than love,
I and my Annabel Lee;
With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,
In this kingdom by the sea,
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling
My beautiful Annabel Lee;
So that her high-born kinsman came
And bore her away from me,
To shut her up in a sepucher
In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in heaven,
Went envying her and me.
Yes, that was the reason—as all men know,
In this kingdom by the sea—
That the wind came out of the cloud by night,
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger far than the love
Of those that were older than we,
Of many far wiser than we.
And neither the angels in heaven above,
Nor the demons down under the sea,
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee:

For the moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;
And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side
Of my darling, my darling, my life, and my bride,
In the sepulcher there by the sea,
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

—Edgar Allan Poe

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Free Will Baptist Bible College begins its second session on September 8. Already the enrollment is more than double that of the first semester of last year. Many others have expressed their definite plans to come for this coming term, but have not sent their application. If you are planning to come, please let us have your application with the two dollar application fee. Until this is done we cannot definitely consider you a student.

Now is the best time, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College is the best place for young Free Will Baptist ministers and Christian workers to receive training. If you are interested in Christian training, write us today for literature and information.
Free Will Baptist Bible College
L. C. Johnson, President,
3609 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

MARANATHA

By Linden J. Carter

Maranatha, blessed watchword!
Christ, the Lord, will come again.
Once He came and died for sinners,
He is coming back to reign.

Sin has marred the whole creation,
Left its mark on every hand;
But the Maranatha watchword
Tells us of a better land.

Man has proved himself a failure,
All his efforts come to nought;
Only Christ the rightful Ruler
Can undo the mischief wrought

Soon the Maranatha watchword
Will be realized, and then
In a world of peace and justice
Eden days will come again.

JESUS A MIRACLE

By A. R. Flowers

To me, the whole career of Jesus Christ is the greatest miracle in human history. He was born in an obscure village and the son of a peasant woman. He grew up in a village equally as obscure as the one in which he was born. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty years of age, and then became an itinerate preacher for little over than three years.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to school. He never visited a large city. He never travelled as much as 200 miles from the place of his birth. Those things which usually accompany greatness, he never did. Although the world's greatest preacher, he never had any credentials but himself. He had nothing in this world, but the power of his divine manhood.

While he was but a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. One denied him, and another betrayed Him into the hands of his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was buffeted, belittled, abused, spat on, and nailed on a cross between two thieves. And while he was dying his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth—his coat. When he was dead, through the pity of a friend, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed tomb. Since then, nineteen hundred years have come and gone, and today he is the miracle of the human race, for without Him we can do nothing.

P. S.—Much of this I took from the "Religious Telescope." Think about it, and pass it on.

LETTER FROM CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am writing this letter to the Baptist paper to let the readers hear how I am getting along in the U. S. Army. I have been doing fine since I have been in service. I have been in for around thirty-one months, and if the good Lord be my helper I hope to continue on this life.

It was nearly three years ago since I became a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Rose of Sharon. I am hoping to live the best life that I can under the circumstances. I am hoping that all of the members of this church will live the best lives that they can in their own homes, and others all over the country. May the blessings of God rest with all of our people the nation over during the critical war days. May the many happy rewards come to our people for the good that they have done in the name of their Master.

I am hoping that all who work for God's glory will be greatly blessed. I am also hoping that more people will turn away from sin and confess God, and live for Him the rest of their lives. I send my best regards to all of the good people in my home State, North Carolina. May we all be greatly blessed in the days to come.

Sincerely,

P. F. E. W. J. Roberson,
Co. B 648th, T. D. Bn.
Camp Hood, Texas,
A. S. N. 34002915

EVERGREEN REVIVAL

It is with gratitude unto God that I humbly ask for space to announce our meeting which was held the last week in July this year at Evergreen Church of the Southeastern Association of Alabama by our pastor, Bro. Thos. B. Mellette, who for many years headed the Zion Bible School at Blakely, Ga.

Bro. Mellette came on fourth Sunday morning and continued through Friday noon. The messages which he brought were soul stirring and life giving throughout the entire meeting. One thing Bro. Mellette fights is sin, and he tells of its awful consequences. He tells of a wonderful salvation which is obtainable by faith through the precious blood of Christ. The meeting was, in a way, "old-timey" with old time religion and the members and visitors manifested old time interest in an "old-time" way. Large crowds attended the meeting both day and night.

Five additions were made to the church, two by transfer, and three men by baptism. The meeting was a success in every respect and the church was greatly revived and placed in a more spiritual manner. On the closing service the Commemoration services were held, and a large number of the members were present. On Thursday Bro. Mellette organized a Ladies Aid Society with 22 members, and it is hoped a Sunday School, or a F. W. B. L. will soon be set in motion.

Brethren, pray for us that we may with others do all that we can for the cause of the kingdom.

Yours in His cause,
Bro. W. E. Beasley,
Ariton, Alabama

NEW F. W. B. CHURCH IN MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Two young ministers of Belmont Church started a revival in a tent in Mount Holly near the globe mill. These ministers were Rev. Roy Richard and Rev. L. S. Gray. About three weeks later the revival came to a close. There were over sixty people converted in the meeting. On Sunday evening, July 25, at the close of the last service a church was set up by Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Rev. L. J. Davis and Rev. H. L. Jones. The church then called Rev. L. S. Gray for pastor.

These ministers are doing a great work, and they have two radio programs every Saturday, one on Saturday over station WEGO, Concord, North Carolina, at 11:15 to 11:45 A. M., and one over station WSOC in Gastonia at 4:30 P. M. Their tent is now at the Flint and Groves Mills, near Gastonia, North Carolina, and near the Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Church.

We hope to be able to report more churches organized from the meetings which they will conduct. We are

certainly pleased with the work these boys are doing. We believe the Lord is pouring out blessings on their efforts. Please pray for their success.

E. W. O'Dell,
Belmont, N. C.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN ON PREACHING

"I desire my minister to preach every Sunday the simple gospel. 'The old, old story' never wearies the average congregation if it comes from a devout mind with preparation in the message. My ideal sermon is one that has an appeal to the unconverted and a spiritual uplift for the Christian. I want my minister to be abreast of the times on all new theological questions and research, but I do not want him to bring them into the pulpit. I have formed certain views of Christ, His gospel, and the inspiration of the Scriptures from a careful reading of the Book of books and of the Shorter Catechism, and it will not make me a better Christian or profit my spiritual life to unsettle these views by a discussion in the pulpit of new theories of Christ and the Holy Scriptures. Finally, I want my minister to act upon the belief that Christ's gospel is the surest cure for all social and political evils, and that his best method of promoting temperance, social morality, and good citizenship is to bring men into the Church. In a word, I want my minister to emphasize in his lifework the declaration of the most successful preacher, Paul: 'It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.' "

A GREAT PREACHER

This is a suggestion for preachers to study for themselves and not to be preached. Ezekiel was a great preacher and prophet of vision, hope, and inspiration. Note the following:

1. **Ezekiel Had the Consicence of a Watchman.** Read Ezekiel 33. How this man did warn, watch, and work—and admonish others to do the same!

2. **He Had the Heart of a Shepherd.** Read chapter 34. The good shepherd loves his sheep and lives for them, giving special care to the young, the sick, and the weak.

3. **He had the Message of an Evangelist.** Read chapter 36. The great need today of most people is not a new dress, or new car, or new home, but a new heart. God can give that heart. His message has power.

4. **He Had the Power of a Prophet.** Read chapter 37. The record is of Israel, but may be applied to any community now. Try it!

5. **He Had the Vision of a Seer.** Read chapter 47. The constant flowing stream of the gospel message should be so pure and sweet and deep that it will have power to purify all life about us.—The Pastor's Periscope.

HE CARETH

What can it mean? Is it aught to Him,
That the nights are long and the days are dim?
Can He be touched by the grief I bear,
Which saddens the heart and whitens the hair?
About His throne are eternal calms
And strong glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss unruffled by any strife—
How can He care for my little life?

And yet, I want Him to care for me,
While I live in this world where sorrows be!
When the lights die down from the path I take,
When strength is feeble and friends forsake,
When love, and music that once did bless,
Have left me in silence and loneliness,
And my life song changes to sobbing prayers,
Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

When shadows hang over the whole day long,
And my spirit is bowed with shame and wrong,
When I am not good, and the deeper shade
Of conscious sin makes me afraid,
And this busy world has too much to do
To stay in its course to help me through,
And I long for a Saviour—can it be
That the God of the universe cares for me?

O wonderful story of deathless love!
Each child is dear to that heart above;
He fights for me when I cannot fight;
He comforts me in the gloom of night
He lifts the burden, for He is strong;
He stills the sigh and awakes the song;
The sorrow that bears me down, He bears,
And loves and pardons, because He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again;
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above;
To soothe and quiet us with His love;
He leaves us not when the storm is high;
And we have safety, for He is nigh;
Can there be trouble, which He doth not share?
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord will care!

—Marianne Farningham

Prayer: Colonel Frederick Devereux of White Plains (N. Y.) urges Westchester County's 575,000 residents to join in a "spiritual alert" by praying en masse for five minutes during each scheduled blackout. Praying, says this County Director of Civilian Protection, "will take the playfulness out of blackouts;" he sees blackouts as a symbol of our national peril.

And Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy and laity, in the midst of Cincinnati's effort to raise a War Chest of $2,680,000, lead daily in a city-wide "Sixty Seconds of Prayer." The idea originated with a local Baptist layman. It is a good idea. Let's hope that the prayer habit sticks in White Plains and Cincinnati and elsewhere after the fear of war is taken from us!—Selected.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

MESSAGE FROM THE N. W. A. C.

By the Third Vice-President

It was voted by our N. W. A. Convention that the National vice-presidents present to our women of the denomination a definite plan of work to follow. Since I was elected as Third Vice-President, I contacted our Missionaries to Cuba concerning the great need there. The most imperative need now is supplies for the school which they plan to open there in September. In this school our native workers and preachers will receive the necessary training which will equip them in a better way to carry on the ever growing work of Free Will Baptists on the island of Cuba.

Following is a list of articles which will be necessary for the operation of the Bible School.

24 single sheets

3 dozen pillow cases

2 dozen dresser scarfs

24 single mattresses at $8.00

Used piano at $100.00

3 dozen table knives

3 dozen forks

3 dozen teaspoons

2 dozen tablespoons

2 dozen Spanish Hymnals at $1.00

We are making the allotment according to states and are depending on the Third vice-president of the various states to apportion them out to the District associations. We would suggest that the District Vice-President gather the things together and send them to the Third Vice-President of the state and that she in turn send the package as soon as possible to the following address:

Dr. Lydia Mason
120 N. W. 8th Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dr. Mason is Bro Willey's sister and she will ship the things to Cuba for us by boat.

At the National Association the women of North Carolina were asked to give 12 blankets, 12 single sheets, 12 pillow cases, also 3 dozen knives, forks and spoons. We are asking that South Carolina give 12 sheets and one dozen tablespoons; from Tennessee $35.00 on the piano and one dozen single sheets; from Oklahoma $32.00 on mattresses; from Missouri $32.00 on the mattresses; from Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan $32.00 for mattresses; from Mississippi, 2 dozen dresser scarfs, 1 dozen teaspoons and one dozen single sheets; from Georgia, 12 single blankets; and from Texas, Florida, and West Virginia we're asking that the first two mentioned (Texas and Florida) give $25.00 each on the piano and that West Virginia give $24.00 for the Spanish hymnals. Mrs. Willey also stated that second-hand suits, dresses and children's clothing are badly needed.

We are trusting that the state and district vice-presidents will not delay but will get to work right away and make it possible for the women of the National Association to have a part in the opening of the Cuban Bible School this fall. The Lord, the Cubans and the Willeys are depending on us. By the grace of the Crucified Savior, let's not fail them. Get your allotment to Dr. Mason by the 10th of September. At this date they will be late so if you can send them sooner we urge everyone of you to do so. After your state has sent its allotment, please notify me so that I may keep tab on the progress of the campaign. My address is for the coming year, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, 5, Tennessee.

Your Third Vice-President,
Mrs. Damon C. Dodd

NOTICE TO THIRD VICE-PRESIDENTS

Dear Co-Workers:

Local Third Vice-Presidents of the Central District, we have been asked by our State Third Vice-President to buy twelve (12) single blankets for the School in Cuba. Brother and Sister Willey are soon to fly back to Cuba, and we want them to be able to take these things back with them.

Please work fast, and let each local auxiliary give $5.00, and I am asking that you send it to Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Bridgeton, N. C., that she may buy all the blankets alike, and also save by doing so. She is asking you to have all this in her hands by August 20. Please state that your offerings are from the Central district, so that she will be able to give credit to the right sources.

Be sure to send to me a report of what you send and of all your work for this six months, and state what church is sending it. This will enable me to give proper credit to the right churches. Please, Third Vice-Presidents, rally to this call at once. Be certain that your donation shall be sent in time to Mrs. Oglesby.

Your Third Vice-President of the Central District,

Mrs. N. E. Harris,
225 Nashville Road,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

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DEEP RUN AID SOCIETY

Deep Run Ladies Aid Society met in the church Saturday night before the third Sunday in July. The meeting was called to order by the president. A song was sung and the Lord's prayer was prayed in concert. Mrs. Whitford Hill was in charge of the devotions, which were enjoyed by all present. At the end of the devotional program, Mrs. Hill led the Society in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with eleven members answering to their name by repeating a verse from the Bible. $4.40 dues was collected. The treasurer reported $11.82 on hand. A discussion was had on Christian education.

It was decided that we send ($5.00) five dollars to this cause. Mrs. Paul Taylor, our 5th vice-president, made an appeal to the Society for help for the Orphanage. It was decided that we make a monthly contribution of $1.00 to be used any way the Orphanage devises. It was also decided that we do some canning for the Orphanage later on. $1.00 was received for the Chest. At this time Mrs. Edd Humphrey offered to work the Chest the following month. Chapters reported read from the Bible by members present were 431.

Flowers given to the sick_____4
Sick visits made _____46
Milk given away, Qts. _____136
Butter given away, Lbs. ____19 1-2

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until Saturday night before third Sunday in August. Benediction was by the president, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul Taylor and Mrs. Jamie Smith.

Mrs. Etta Harper, Pres.
Mrs. Ruthie Hardison, Secy.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Grove church met at the church last Wednesday afternoon and the devotional was conducted by Mrs. Byron Bizzelle. The opening song was: "Rescue the Perishing." Others who took part in the program were: Mesdames N. R. Lewis, A. L. Rose, and Kermit West. Two cards were sent to the sick, three visits were made, flowers were sent to two, and trays were sent to two. Fifty chapters were read in the Bible. The attendance was smaller on account of the busy tobacco season.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, Pres.
Miss Thelma Lee, Secy.

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THE JOY CLUB'S SUNDAY BROADCAST

"By Christian Young People—For Young and Old

Every Sunday, 3:00 P. M. (E. W. T.) Station W. F. T. C., Kinston, N. C.

PROGRAM

Program of Second Union of Central Conference for August, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Rev. R. H. Mason
—Enrollment of ministers and short business period
10:30—Subject: "The Effect upon the Church of the Christian's Participation in the Various Sins"—E. C. Hines to lead, others to follow in the discussion
—Special Music by Mrs. J. C. Moye
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Wooten
—Offering and Benediction
12:00—Dinner

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. W. A. Dail
—Business period
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing and Benediction

Committee:

R. B. Spencer,
W. B. Nobles,
J. E. Wooten

PROGRAM

Program of the Albemarle Union Meeting to be held with Malachi's Chapel, Tyrrell County, N. C., Fifth Saturday in August.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotional by Mr. D. H. Furlough
10:15—Enrollment of ministers
10:30—Address and remarks by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:45—Business period
11:15—Song service and special music, Rev. R. P. Harris in charge
11:30—Sermon by Dr. Leonard Earl Harris
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotional service by Mr. E. Armstrong, Sr.
1:30—Business period and report of committees
2:45—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing song and benediction

NORTH CAROLINA FOREIGN MISSION REPORT FOR JULY, 1943

Mrs. Chester Pelt, Acting Secretary

White Oak S. S. _____	$ 8.60
St. Delight S. S. _____	2.18
Ayden Church _____	18.95
St. John's Women's Aux. ___	5.00
Rain's Cross Roads Church _	25.40
Edgemont (Durham) S. S. __	15.00
White Oak Women's Aux. __	2.00
Hickory Chapel Leagues ____	3.00
Mrs. J. J. Everton _____	2.00
Hickory Chapel Women's Aux. _____	1.85
Free Union Leagues _____	1.25
Malachi's Chapel Women's Aux. _____	5.00
Carteret Co. Union _____	10.00
Friendship Junior Aux. ____	1.00
Total receipts for July _____	$101.13
Total paid to National Treasurer _____	$101.13

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Liberty Free Will Baptist Association will meet with the Malone F. W. B. Church at Alabama City, Alabama, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle

NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS

The blank letter to be filled for representation in the North Carolina State Association is in the 1942 Minute. This letter gives the information desired. Please fill all blanks for the 1943 session.—J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. 53: 5.

St. Claire Bible Class

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ISRAEL'S SIN AND RESTORATION

(Lesson for August 29)

Lesson: Exo. 32: 7-10; 34: 4-9; 27, 28. Read: Exo. 32—34.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression" (Num. 14: 18).

One of the quaintest phenomena of this closing age of doubt, is the odd insistence of the "modern" theology, that the God of the Old Testament differs radically from the God who is revealed in the pages of the New Testament. This weird idea, which originated in Germany along with all the other fantastic theories of higher criticism, so controlled the thinking of a past generation, that it was impossible to get devotees of the Welhousen theology to even **read** the Bible and see how far wrong they were! So even to-day, young students who are unfortunately forced to pursue their studies under the guidance of older teachers whose outmoded beliefs have been repudiated by the learning of a more enlightened generation, are still being told that the Hebrews believed in a "tribal God," whose power was limited to Palestine. These dispensers of ignorance waste hours in classrooms, telling their pupils that the Old Testament idea of God depicts Him as harsh and immerciful, a God of war and stern reprisals. But in the New Testament, these blinded leaders claim God is revealed as the Father of all men, and He is a God of love who will care for and save all our race —good, bad, or indifferent. This sort of nonsense passes in many of our denominational colleges for Bible teaching!

Men do not like to remember that God is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever"! It is true that God revealed Himself in Old Testament times as being offended by sin, and since one of His attributes is justice, He must of necessity punish the evildoer. But is this not true of the New Testament revelation as well?

Our Lord Jesus taught of God and His Kingdom in the picture-language of parables, and many of these lessons had to do with the certainty of judgment upon sin and the sinner. In such parables as The Dragnet; The Sower; The Tares and the Wheat, and many others, Jesus plainly foretold the destruction of the wicked. One has only to read Mat. 13: 36-42 to gain a clear idea of the certainty of destruction that awaits those who reject Christ, and thus suffer for their own sins.

Let us remember that our Golden Text to-day is an Old Testament text, and draw comfort from the changeless nature of God. If He so dealt with men in mercy **before** Christ died for our sins, how much more certain are we in this age—"He will **abundantly** pardon"!

—Selected

Please study what our **Senior Quarterly** has to say regarding Exodus 34: 6. Then get the teachings of our **Advanced Quarterly** on this subject and also that on **Calf Worship.** Preachers and Sunday School teachers can refer to the Book of Jonah as evidence that God, in Old Testament times, loved the sinner and was **eager** to forgive when repentance was manifested.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. God is aware of the sin of His people long before their appointed leaders notice anything (Exo. 32: 7).

2. Deliverance from sin at the time of conversion does not insure us against future foolishness (vss. 7, 8).

3. One of the great human absurdities is to worship that which our own hands have made (vs. 8).

4. When the knee bows before false gods, the neck becomes stiff before the true God (vs. 9).

5. When God informs us of impending judgment upon others. He expects us to pray for them(vs. 10).

6. God's Word may be written more than once, but it never changes its message (34: 4).

7. Because He wants us to know Him aright, God has described Himself to us in His Word (vss. 5-7).

8. God's justice is tempered with mercy; but he who rejects mercy will suffer justice (vss. 6, 7).

9. Iniquity may be visited upon three or four generations, but God's mercy is upon thousands (vs. 7).

10. God is gracious enough to accept a sinful people for His inheritance (vss. 8, 9).

1. The Israelites made a golden calf. They did not know much about Moses' God. They knew more about the gods of Egypt. What they liked about the Egyptian religion was the feast. But all this was wrong and led to wickedness.

The Heavenly Father knew very well why He had forbidden other gods. It was not only that He wanted them to understand that He was the only One who could really help them, but He wanted to save them from the impurity of the heathen religious feasts. It does not take much of an imagination to see what happened when in their feasting they drank and rose up to play (Exo. 32: 6). No wonder they corrupted themselves (vs. 7) when they were drunken and naked (vs. 25). To this day, religious celebrations in Africa and in India have the same evil consequences.

12. Two Christians were speaking of their experiences. One said, "It is terribly hard to trust God and realize His hand in the dark passage of life." "Well, brother," said the other, "if you cannot trust a man out of your sight, he is not worth much; and if you cannot trust God in the dark, it shows you do not trust Him at all."

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SECOND UNION REPORT

The Union of the Second District of the General Conference of North Carolina convened with Black Jack Church in Pitt County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1943. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Denton, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. A. Woodard. The moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander, made a few remarks for the good of the union.

The following ministers were present: W. B. Nobles, J. E. Wooten, W. A. Dail, R. C. Wiggs, C. H. Denton, R. B. Spencer, D. W. Alexander, M. A. Woodard and J. C. Griffin from the Eastern Conference. We had several good talks for the good of the union, and among the outstanding ones was the one by Rev. R. B. Spencer concerning the Press and its work. We had one on the Sunday School work by Sister H. L. Spivey, which was very good. Also Brother Alexander spoke on the subject: Are Birthday Balls Essential or a Curse? It was very good. The union meeting sermon was preached by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. We were dismissed at 12:30 for lunch by Brother J. C. Griffin.

At 1:30 the afternoon devotions were led by Brother L. A. Fulford. The Union voted to send a petition to the National Association, inviting it to hold its 1944 session within the bounds of the Second Union meeting district of the Central Conference. Brother J. C. Griffin was named to take the same to the National Association for their information and acceptance.

There was sent in from all sources to the union $126.92, and it was disbursed as follows: To the Orphanage, $60.17; to the Unified Program, $19.87; Needy Ministers' Fund, $21.-00; to the clerk, $5.00. The total paid out was $106.04, leaving a balance in the treasury of $14.88.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. Special music was rendered by Brother Albert Harris. A motion was then made to adjourn the union until the next time in course, and to meet with the Church in Ayden on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1943.

Rev. D. W. Alexander,
Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

PROGRAM

Program of the second union meeting of the Western Association to be held with Milburney Church, Wilson County, on August 28, 1943. All ministers and delegates are urged to be present.

Saturday Morning

(Eastern Standard Time)

10:00—Song by congregation
—Devotional: Dee Bissette
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome: Rev. J. C. Varnell
—Response, Mrs. D. O. Wilder
—Reading and approving the minutes
Roll call of minutes
11:00—Sermon: Rev. J. A. Evans
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional, Rev. Paul Jenkins
—Business
—Roll call of churches
—Petition for next union
—Report of treasurer
—Report of committees and officers
—Song by congregation
—Adjournment

Mrs. N. E. Strickland,
Committee

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union Meeting will convene with the church at Hope Well, August 28, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Song and prayer service—Rev. G. C. Joyner
10:15—Opening message, Rev. H. R. Faircloth
10:30—Remarks by Moderator, Rev. C. H. Coats
10:40—Roll call of ministers
10:42—Report of disabled ministers
10:45—Roll call of churches
10:50—Intermission
11:00—Song and praise service, C. E. Lee
11:15—Special music, St. Paul Choir
11:30—Union sermon, Rev. M. L. Johnson

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song and prayer service, Rev. Herman Wooten
1:15—Sermon, Rev. C. H. Coats
1:35—Sunday School report
1:40—Petitions for next union meeting
1:45—Educational report
1:55—Report of Mission Board
2:00—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
2:10—Report of Program Committee
2:15—Report of Treasurer
2:20—New business
2:30—Miscellaneous business
2:40—Old Fashioned Fellowship Service, W. A. Jackson
3:00—Closing by Rev. M. A. Warrick

Committee:

Mrs. T. E. Beaman,
Rev. R. H. Jackson

SHARE YOUR RELIGION

Nearly every real blessing of our lives may be increased by sharing it with others. Even such prosaic things as food and shelter mean more to our happiness when there are loved ones to enjoy them with us. A walk in the park or an autimobile ride are more enjoyable if we have pleasant companionship, and our daily toil would become mere drudgery if it were for ourselves alone. So it is with our religious experience. "Go . . . tell," said Jesus to one and another of those whom He had blessed. Our faith means less to us if kept locked up in our breasts than if we know in Him. "Whenever I think of the heavenly treasure," says Dr. Frank W. Boreham, "I pity two men. I pity the man who fails to possess it; and I pity the man who, possessing it, fails to pass it on."—Christian Observer.

Boys and Girls Corner

A SORROWING MOTHER MADE GLAD

Very often, in his travels, Elisha would pass through the town of Shunem A good and wealthy woman who honored God's prophets always invited him to rest at her house when he visited that town. Finally she had her husband build an extra room and furnished it just for Elisha and his servant Gehazi.

Elisha appreciated this Shunammite woman's kindness. He wanted to make a gift to her in return, but she was rich and able to buy anything she wanted. He could not think what to give her. Finally he thought of the very thing this woman and her husband wanted most. They were getting old, and they wanted a baby boy in their home for them to love and care for.

Elisha told God about it, and, after awhile, a boy baby came to this home, and the man and woman were both very happy. They were proud of their beautiful baby and took the best of care of him.

When the boy had grown big enough to run about by himself and play, he liked best to go out with his father to the wheatfield and watch the reapers cut the grain.

One day the youngster had been out in the fields for a long time. Presently he came to his father, crying: "Oh, father, my head! my head!" The father saw that the boy was sick. He called a servant and ordered him to carry the lad home to his mother.

Mother was working busily and happily at home; she was thinking how good God had been to send her so dear a little boy. When she saw the servant carrying her son she rushed out and gathered the child into her arms and took him right into the house. She held him on her lap while the servants brought medicines, but the pain became worse and wors. Presently he lay back in her arms, dead.

The mother was frantic with sorrow. If only Elisha had been there, he might have helped her, she thought. Suddenly she rose up and carried the body of her child to Elisha's room and put him on Elisha's bed. Then she ran all the way to the fields and got her husband to have a servant hitch up one of the mules and drive her, as fast as they could go, to Elisha's home. She did not even wait to tell her husband that the boy was dead.

Elisha was in front of his house talking to his servant Gehazi when he saw some one driving swiftly up the road toward his home. He recognized the Shunammite woman and knew that something must be wrong to cause her to be riding so fast. He sent Gehazi running toward her to find out what was wrong.

"Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child?" cried Gehazi.

"It is well," answered the woman. She felt she couldn't stop to explain. If only Elisha would go and see the child, she believed that God would give him back to her yet.

As soon as she reached Elisha she threw herself on the ground before him and begged that he give her back her boy again. Then the prophet knew that the boy must be dead.

Elisha turned to Gehazi. "Take my staff and hurry to the Sunammite's house. Do not stop to speak to any one. Lay my staff on the face of the child."

The poor mother was not satisfied. "As Jehovah liveth, I will not leave thee," she said. So, finally, Elisha set out with her for Shunem. As they came near her home they met Gehazi returning.

Elisha then hurried up into his room alone and shut the door. There on his bed lay the little dead boy. Elisha fell to his knees and prayed that God would return the boy, alive and well, again to his mother. He prayed for a long time, and finally the little boy opened his eyes and sat up on the bed. Then Elisha opened the door and sent Gehazi to bring the mother.

She came in, bowing before the prophet in full trust that he had restored her boy to life and health. How her face shone with joy when she saw her child sitting up on the bed!

"Take up thy son," he said to her, simply. In joy and gratitude she fell at his feet, and then she took her boy in her arms and hurried with him back to her own room.

PROGRAM

Program for the F. W. B. League Union Saturday evening, August 28th. To be held at Malachi's Chapel.

8:00—Opening Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"
—Devotions led by Amanda Reynolds
—Song—"The Star Spangled Banner"
—Prayer for our men and women in the service
—Program given by the local league
—Business session
—Report of Committees
—Song: "God Be with You"
—League Benediction

PROGRAM

Program for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, August 29th. To be held at Malachi's Chapel.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. A. Hales
10:20—Remarks by President
—Business
—Minutes of last Convention
—List of Sunday Schools called
10:50—Recognition of ministers
11:00—Special music (to be arranged)
11:15—Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by C. A. Voliva
1:15—Business continued
2:30—Adjournment

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
Mrs. H. I. Fowler,
Alonza L. Reynolds,
Program Committee

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

TAYLOR. On February 7, 1943, our beloved brother, Louis H. Taylor, was called into the presence of his Lord.

Brother Taylor was a faithful member of Union Chapel and also was a senior deacon of the church until he died.

Surviving him is his wife, also four children and eleven grand-children.

His thoughtfulness of others and his godly life endeared him to those he lived and associated with. He was a good man.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, assisted by Revs. Toler and Griffin. The church has greatly missed him here, but heaven has been enriched by his home-going.

Written by his pastor,
R. N. Hinnant

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MASON. It is with a sad and aching heart that I attempt to write of the home-going of my precious sister, Mrs. Minnie D. Mason. She was born November 22, 1883, and went to be with Jesus July 24, 1943.

At the age of 16, she was married to John O. Mason, and to this union was born two children, but one of them died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her loss a very devoted husband and daughter, five-step children, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

She joined the Free Will Baptist Church when quite young, but never fully consecrated her life to God and became a new creature in Christ until she attended a tent meeting conducted by Mrs. McAdams. She was thirty-eight years old when she experienced the New Birth. From that time, she lived a happy, victorious life in Christ Jesus, witnessing to all with whom she came in contact of the great joy in serving the Lord. In her early married life, she was practically an invalid for several years, but God had a work for her to do, so he raised her up; and, thought she never had a strong body, she spent a few happy years in church work. Her delight was in leading cottage prayer meetings.

A few months ago, her health began to fail again, and her physician advised her to have an operation for that most dreaded disease, cancer. She never fully recovered, and had an heart attack. She went to be with Jesus at the age of 59 years.

I wish I had the space to say all that I'd like to say about her. She was such a sweet, loving sister to me. Our homes were close together, and we spent many happy hours together in communion with the Lord. Her home was a home of prayer, and I could carry burdens there that I can't carry anywhere else, but praise the Name of Jesus, though our loved ones are taken away, He has said, "I will not leave you comfortless." It will only be just a short while until we'll meet her in the morning by the bright river-side.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Written by her sister,

Mrs. Annie Lee Mason

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. Psa. 119: 71.

Yes, I have found 'tis good for me
To bear my Father's rod:
Afflictions make me learn thy law,
And live upon my God.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Psa. 119: 67.

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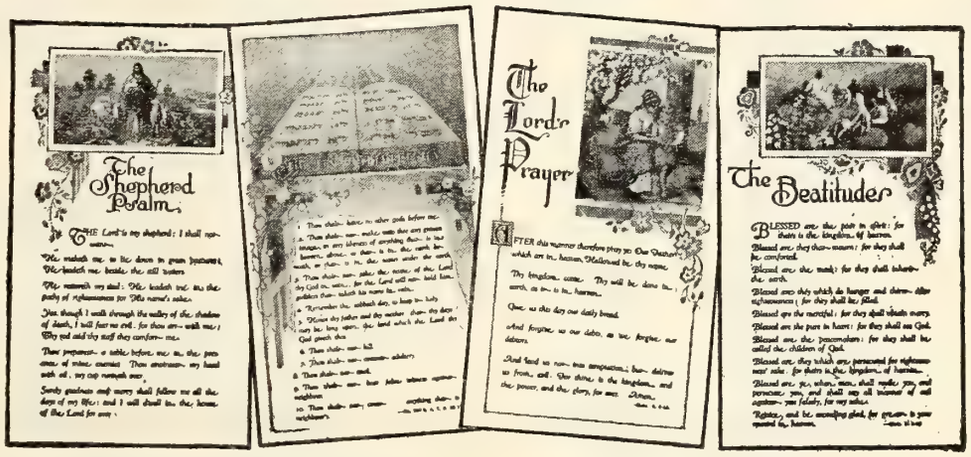

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Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur
  Make me strong and sure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight
  Make me glad and free.
Like the straightness of the pine-tree
  Help me upright be.

Like the arching of Thy heavens,
  Raise my thoughts above.
Turn my dreams to noble actions,
  Ministries of love.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
  Make me lovely too,
Keep me ever, by Thy Spirit,
  Pure and strong and true.

—Mary S. Adgar

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AN APPEAL FOR THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Dear Readers:

I again come to you on behalf of the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. First, I wish to thank each church who has responded thus far. Those who are progressive in the way of supporting all angles of our church, naturally would not allow the month of August, 1943, to pass without giving the Church Finance Association a place in their program.

I long to see the day when we will be as proud of investing some money into the Church Finance Association as those who have invested in the Press. We feel that this work is unlimited and the place in our church is great for it. I appeal to the churches, the Sunday Schools and to the Ladies Aides to rally to its support.

If your pastor happens to be one who is not interested in this phase of the work, please see to it yourself, as a leader in your church, as a promoter of the Kingdom of God. I trust that you will not let this go by. If, for any reason, you as a church, Sunday School or Ladies Aid have failed or forgotten to take this up at your regular meeting in August, there is no definite program which would call your attention in September. Therefore, take the opportunity to let it come up in the month of September.

In discussing these matters with different churches and different pastors, the only church of which I know who has failed or refused to

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EDITORIAL

NEW STATE ASSOCIATION—

Great emphasis is being now placed upon the organization of a State Association in South Carolina by several of the Free Will Baptist church leaders of that State. They are sending out a call to all of the churches to send representatives to the organization meeting which will be held on September the tenth at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church near Spartanburg, South Carolina. In this meeting it is expected that those attending will set up the organization, elect the officials necessary for the Association, and set in order a plan of operation of the State Association for the ensuing year.

As we see it, this step is a movement in keeping with many of the other states which have already set in operation their State Associations of the Free Will Baptist denomination. As these which have been operating well since their establishment for the good of the denomination, so we feel that the State Association of South Carolina will in like manner function for the good of the churches within the bounds of that State, and for the glory of God. We wish for them much success in the establishment of their State Association, and may God lead them into great fields of labor, as a State Association, for the expansion of His kingdom work, and the growth of the Free Will Baptist church in that State.

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PASTORS NEEDED—

Judging from the reports coming to our office, there are quite a number of churches that are having some difficulty to secure pastors for the coming year. This situation is due to several causes. Some of the ministers have given up their pastorates and have become chaplains in the armed forces of our country. There are others who are retiring from active services because of advanced age and feebleness of body. Some have died since last year, and some of the inactive preachers have been called to finish out the unexpired terms of those who are deceased. One reason for the increasing situation of the need of more ministers in the denomination is the fact that the Free Will Baptist denomination has not had an adequate training system for the training of ministers for their churches in the United States during the last number of years. The truth is the ministers who have been in the service of the church for several years are becoming disabled for active services, and some are dying at a rate which exceeds the number of young men coming into the ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Under such conditions, it is obvious that our church should do everything possible to support the Fere Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, to enable it to train, as early as possible, sufficient ministers and Christian workers for the denominational needs. Certainly, the churches must have well trained men and women for Christian leadership, and now is the time to give liberally and cheerfully to meet this great need of our church. The old opinion, which some maintained a few years ago, that anyone could preach, whether trained in Christian service or not, is no longer adhered to by alert and progressive church people. No, not now. Each forward-looking church knows that the pastor it needs is one who is filled with the Spirit of God and one who is able to lead the people aright. The Bible says a little learning is a dangerous thing, and a church with a poorly qualified leader cannot hope to do its best work for the glory of God. The Apostle Paul saw the need of young Timothy to study the Bible that he might be better able to rightly divide the word of truth. The same truth holds true today. Our churches need well trained men, God called men, Spirit filled men, and then the Free Will Baptist denomination will take its place, as a progressive denomination, among the other denominations in this country. Give us efficient church leadership, and we will do things for the glory of God in a greater way in the coming years.

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STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET—

The stockholders of the Press will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, September 9, 1943, in the Free Will Baptist Church in Ayden. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock eastern war time. Those holding stock in the Press are cordially invited to attend this meeting, hear the reports, offer suggestions for the advancement of the business, and enter into the discussion of vital matters that may be discussed in the meeting.

The official staff of the Press and the Board of Directors are always glad to have a large number of the stockholders present for these annual meetings. They are desirous of giving any information concerning the workings of the Press and its business management so that all who are interested in its progress may be informed of its status from time to time. The Business Management of the Press will have arrangements made at the Moye Dining Hall for giving all members of the Board and the Stockholders lunch at the noon hour free of charge to those who attend this annual Stockholders meeting.

"Trust In God!"

Courage brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night,
There's a star to guide the humble,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Though the road be long and dreary,
And its ending out of sight,
Foot it bravely—strong or weary,
Trust in God, and do the right.

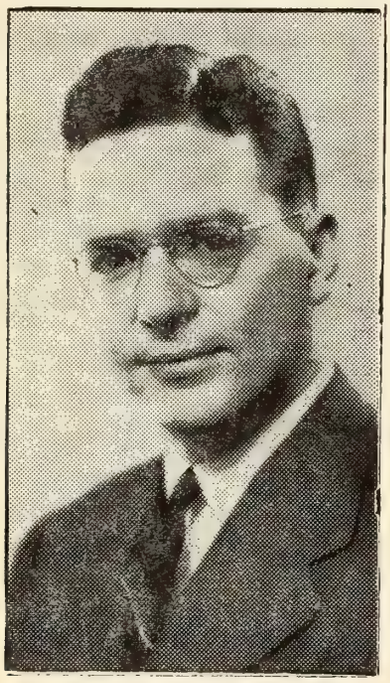
—Norman Macleod

Report of League Camp

MY IMPRESSIONS OF CAMP LEACH

It has been a real privilege for me to be at Camp Leach this year. Truly God has walked in the midst of our camp to deliver us from the hand of our enemy. Every day has been a mountain top.

There have been many good times in this beautiful spot with such a



Bob Woolley, Evangelist

wonderful location on the Pamlico river, but the one thing that impressed me most about the camp was the fact that it was Christ-centered. He was made pre-eminent in all things.

As camp evangelist I naturally noticed the young people in connection with their own Christian experience and their desire to see others saved. Many came to me asking that I pray for their loved ones and friends who are not saved. Also many of the Christian young people (most of them were Christians) went about the camp talking and praying with the few who were not saved.

Because of this talking and praying the unsaved were brought under conviction and nearly every one of them accepted Christ as their individual Saviour.

I do thank God for a great week with a great bunch of workers and young people in a great place with great blessings. I surely hope it shall be my pleasure to come again.

—Bob Woolley

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LEAGUE

We had a very interesting class this year at Camp Leach, taught by Mr. Albert Harris. I think all the Seniors enjoyed the league class that we had. It was enjoyed so much because most of the students in this class was a leaguer and they, of course, want to be the best leaguer that they can be. We are striving most of all to build up our Senior Leagues and I think we received something worthwhile from this league course taught at Camp Leach.

First, I would like to give you a little of the history of the first league. It was organized in 1915 in St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton is the Mother of our League work. The name of the First League was B. Y. P. U. After a few years the name changed to Mutual Endeavor Union which lasted three years. In 1920 it was changed by J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tennessee, to the Free Will Baptist League. General organization came about in the year 1922 at the general conference in Marshall, North Carolina, which drew up a committee of three to draw up the plans. Mrs. Alice Lupton was General Secretary and Prof. A. R. Flowers and Rev. L. E. Ballard were the other two on the committee.

The League is a part of the church. It is the training unit of the church. The motto is "The Kingdom of God First" found in Matthew 6: 33. The colors of our League are yellow and white. White stands for purity and yellow for jealousy ("The Lord our God is a Jealous God"). The Song is "Free Will Baptist Leaguers" to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Benediction is found in Genesis 31: 49, "May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from the other."

—A Camper

Junior Leaguers

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

We consider that we have had a very successful camp this year, due to the fact we have had a deeper spiritual life greatly influenced by our morning vesper services held at the beginning of the day when the entire group gathered in the out-door church led by different groups, and the Evangelistic Service at the close

Senior Leaguers

of the day led by Rev. Bob Woolley, Charlotte, North Carolina, supply pastor of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church in Durham,

The Rev, Mr. Woolley brought messages with such a depth of feeling and power until they took hold upon the hearts of our youth so fervently secure that only eternity can or will reveal the true worth of these services.

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris in his usual efficient manner directed the singing and arranged special music by the camp choir and individuals who included solos by Mrs. Ballard, Albert Harris, and himself. This greatly added to the interest and success of the Revival Services.

Margaret Chappell and
Earl Glenn

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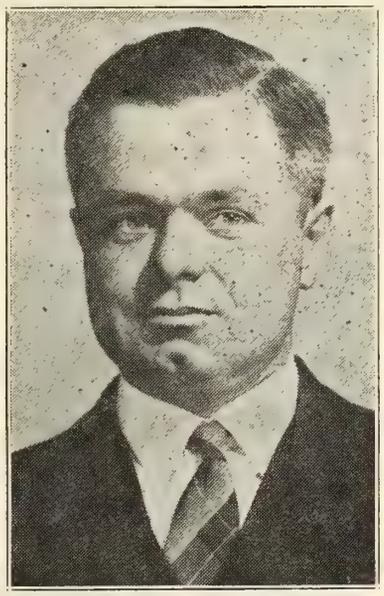
WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT CAMP LEACH

By Jean Harris

We go to Sunday School so that we may learn how to worship God. Many people do not know how to worship God. Young people should learn how to worship God as they grow up, so when they get older they will know how to teach others.

When we really worship God, we honor and reverence Him. Everyone should be reverent, even if he is not worshipping God in reality. When we are really worshipping God, we realize that we are in His presence and feel our great unworthiness. We see the realities of life in a clearer light than ever before, and we dedicate ourselves to the task of helping God build a better world in which to live and worship Him. Also, in the presence of God, there is a great



R. P. Harris, S. S. Teacher

feeling of peace that fills our lives with wonderful happiness.

The God whom we worship is a Wise and Just God. He is the Father Almighty and the Father of all. He works with us in many ways that we do not even realize. In every way He becomes our co-laborer.

In choosing materials with which to worship God, we should be very careful and be sure to choose good, religious literature. Be sure you choose literature which will help us worship God better. The materials should have only a positive contribution to the worship service. Be sure to choose materials which the whole group is acquainted with, and such that all can take part in and understand. You may use the same materials in a variety of ways so as to save money which may be used for other worthy causes. Some materials we could use effectively are religious

Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Nurse

poems and stories and have someone read the poem or tell the story who may give expression so as to reverence and Worship God. The Sunday School should purchase religious books and ask for the contribution of religious books for the purpose of establishing a library in the School. These books will be found useful for all to read and thus spread the Gospel and glorify Christ.

One of the most important materials of worship is the use of public prayers and praying. "What is prayer?" one may ask. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire unto God. During prayer all should bow their heads and close their eyes and try to think about God and what He has done for you. When you pray, you should thank Him for the many blessings He has given you. We should praise and adore Him for His many

glorious works. We realize that He is in reality only living and true eternal God.

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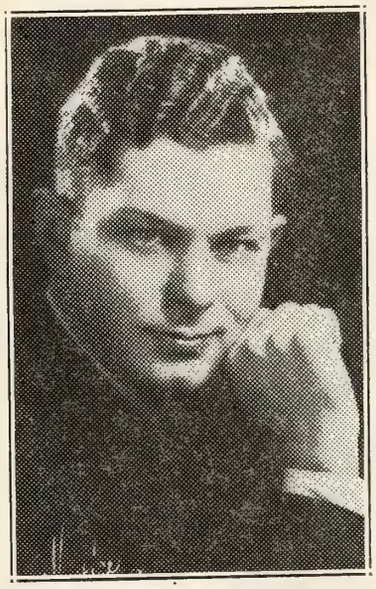
MUSIC

It would be difficult to put into so many words just how much I have enjoyed this week at camp. There



Leonard Earl Harris, Music Teacher

are so many really fine boys and girls here, characteristic of our Free Will Baptist Leagues all over the denomination, that one is compelled to love the work with renewed interest every time he stands before a camp class.

My appreciation for camp was tremendously accelerated the minute I arrived, and there has been a continual crescendo of spiritual power augmented with a new zeal to work for my Christ with every additional day's work.

When I was invited by the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church to come from Chicago to teach the music courses, I was naturally thrilled over the idea, but could not at the time say for certain I could come. As soon as I had returned to my studio and learned that I could come, I immediately enquired of many of the former campers and faculty members concerning the nature of the previous music courses. No one remembered what had been done. About five minutes before the first class on Monday morning I managed to work out a program as follows:

1. Music **According to the Bible.** (Vocal and instrumental.)
2. **Church Music History.** (From 4000 B. C. to 1000 A. D.)
3. **American Church Music.** (It's history and development.)
4. **Church Program Planning.** (Worship service, Sunday School, League Programs, and Mid-week Prayer periods.)
5. **Definitions of Church Music.** (Hymns, Gospel songs, Sunday School songs, and all other hymn-tunes and songs in general.)

There were three lectures given on each of the above subjects. In addition to all these daily lectures, I had a singing period each day with the entire camp group when we sang many new choruses, and songs including the one written recently on **"Why I Am a Free Will BaBptist."**

There was also a daily choir rehearsal using select voices who sang for the evening evangelistic services.

The rest of the time was spent in camping, fishing, swimming, and having in general, ONE GRAND GOOD TIME.

Leonard Earl Harris

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JUNIOR WORK

It was our happy privilege to have as our instructor at Camp Leach for F. W. B. L. and Bible, Mrs. L. E.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, League Teacher

Ballard of Greenville, N. C. Mrs. Ballard is Field secretary for the State Women's Auxiliary and is a former field secretary of the F. W. B. L. convention of North Carolina.

In our league classes, we studied largely program planning and the more effective ways of presenting the programs. There are three types of programs, which should be used at intervals to avoid any monotony. These are the usual devotional program, the playlet and pageant program. The need of well planned programs was the central theme.

In our Bible classes, we learned the books and divisions of the Bible. The Bible was presented to us as a usable book even by boys and girls of our age, through the most interesting stories told by Mrs. Ballard. She also related to us practical every day stories true to life, which enabled us to more clearly understand the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Stafford and
Donna Lou Jacobs

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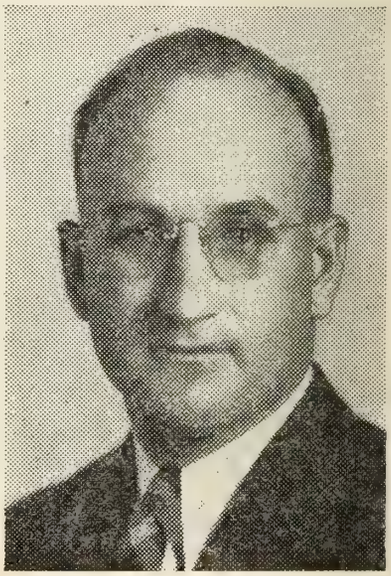
SENIOR BIBLE CLASS

By Emma Ruth Gardner

The Senior Bible class had a glorious week of study during Camp



Bob Wiggs, Bible Teacher

week. Our instructor was Rev. Bob Wiggs. We made a study of the Dispensations of time, using a large chart picturing the different ages. This chart made the study understandable and more interesting. We took up the dispensations leading up to the one in which we are now living, which is known as the "Dispen-

sation of Grace." It is the most wonderful age of all because Christ is with us always. Wherever we go, in the hearts and lives of Christians. The study of this chart was a great blessing to each of us.

Intermediate Leaguers

And Wednesday night, Mr. Wiggs was called away from camp for a few days, due to the illness of one of his church members. So Mr. Woolley taught our class on Thursday. The period was opened by singing several choruses followed by prayer. Mr. Woolley gave us opportunity to ask him questions. The period was spent in open discussion of these Bible questions. Much good was derived from the discussions.

On Friday Albert Harris led our study. The period was opened by a series of sentence prayers, after which Albert led us in a very worthwhile discussion on "SOUL WINNING." Young people have such glorious opportunities to win other young people to Christ, but so often we don't know exactly how to go about it. Some very fine points were brought up and discussed which will be helpful to each of us. The whole course has been very beneficial and each Camper has been brought closer to God through the leadership of these fine men of God.

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VISITORS AT CAMP

The following were visitors at Camp Leach during our week of camp: The Reverend Stephen Gardner and the members of his Camp Committee of the Episcopal Diocese; Rev. J. C. Griffin, his son, J. C. Junior and wife; Rev. W. A. Hales and Mr. J. A. Harris; Mary Louise Dickinson and husband and Pete Harris; Mr. Windley and Mrs. Windley of Ahoskie and her mother-in-law; Rev. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, Mrs. James A. Evans and children, Mrs. R. C. Wiggs and children, little Kent Bradley Carpenter and little Gerald P. Ballard and young Mr. Ballard of Greenville.

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REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE CAMP AT CAMP LEACH

August 1 through 7, 1943

As director of the Young People's League Camp for 1943, I gladly make this report to the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, who were given the privilege and responsibility by the Camp Committee to sponsor the Camp this year, and who elected me as Camp Director. The report continues as follows:

First, Camp Enrollment

(Registered)

Earl Glenn, Durham, N. C.
Jaunita Jones, Durham, N. C.
Dewey Guess, Durham, N. C.
Joe Bryant, Durham, N. C.
Nellie Chappell, Durham, N. C.
Margaret Chappell, Durham, N. C.
Dorothy Chappell, Durham, N. C.
Iona Perry, Durham, N. C.
Morris Holloman, Durham, N. C.
Henry Lee Bryant, Durham, N. C.
Lessie Tinnin, Durham, N. C.
Frances Tinnin, Durham, N. C.
Clinton Ange, Dunn, N. C.
Margaret Lewis, Kinston, N. C.
Vera Lewis, Kinston, N. C.
Elaine Leary, Durham, N. C.
Mrs. Erline Smith, Durham, N. C.
Mr. Newbern Carpenter, Durham, N. C.
Leonard Gibbs, Durham, N. C.
Addie Louise Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.
Wanda Lou Gibbs, Durham, N. C.
Billy Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.
Donnie Lou Jacobs, Durham, N. C.
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R. B. Spencer, Camp Director

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Gladys Etheridge, Sound Side, N. C.
Almeda Armstrong, Columbia, N. C.
Robert Ellis Willoughby, Ahoskie, N. C.
Dorothy Briley, Greenville, N. C.
Ann Stafford, Greenville, N. C.
Annie Laurie Wooten, Farmville, N. C.
Jaunita Oxendine, Pembroke, N. C.
"Jerry" Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Those Who Won Free Trip to Camp

Bradley Tinnin, Sr. Dept., Durham, N. C.
Kendall Smith, Inter. Dept., Durham, N. C.
Janice Owens, Jr. Dept., Greenville, N. C.

Faculty Members and Other Officials

Mrs. W. L. Moretz, Nurse, Swannanoa, N. C.
Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Junior Teacher, Greenville, N. C.
Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, Music Teacher, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. R. P. Harris, Sunday School Teacher, Enfield, N. C.
Rev. Bob Wiggs, Bible Teacher, Ayden, N. C.
Rev. Bob Woolley, Evangelist and life guard, Durham, N. C.
Mr. Albert Harris, Inter. and Sr. League Teacher, Enfield, N. C.
Mr. Dannie Baldwin, Recreational Director and life guard, Durham, N. C.

James A. Evans, Assistant Director

Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, Dietitian, Durham, N. C.
Rev. James A. Evans, Asst. Director and Supply Manager, Middlesex, N. C.
Rev. R. B. Spencer, Director, Ayden, N. C.

Second, Camp Receipts

Registration and Camp fees (August 1-7, 1943)	$582.00
Rent for Faculty house during week of Camp by Mr. Wollard	7.00
Meals by three visitors	3.00
Total receipts of the Camp	$592.00

Third, Expenditures

Faculty and Officials' travel expense to and from Camp	$ 51.95
Cost of medical supplies	5.00
Paid to Rev. Stephen Gardner for the Camp Fee	75.00
Paid to Evans, the Camp Supply Manager, for food, supplies and truck expense	361.32
Dietitian and kitchen helpers' expenses	51.25
Total expenses of the Camp	$544.52
The gain or profit for next year's Camp	$ 47.48
Total sales of canteen supplies	$124.60
Total cost of canteen supplies	96.51
The gain or profit for next year's Camp	$ 28.09
Grand total of the gain or profit for next year's Camp	$75.57

This sum of money has been deposited by the Camp Director in the bank, together with the $105.85 which Rev. Clarence Bowen gave to the Camp Director for use (if need be) from the accumulative Camp Funds of previous years; thus making a total fund of $181.42 to the credit of the Young People's League Camp for future use.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Spencer,
Camp Director,
August 1-7, 1943.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

A Big Little Thing

Perhaps, you have heard it said, "He's a big little thing." Usually it is said in a belittling attitude about someone. But there is a "Big Little Thing" that stands out with a great deal of priority over some things that are called "Big Events." That "Big Little Thing' 'is the Christian's Prayer meeting. It makes no difference whether it is in the cottage or in the church edifice.

It was not during a big Mother's Day exercise, with a packed house, neither during a big Evangelistic campaign; (often it is called a campaign now; it used to be the "Revival meeting"); neither was it during

some state or national association; but it was during the hour that a little band of Christians were gathered at the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, that God summoned an angel from the portals of glory to come down to earth and walk through locked doors and lead the apostle Peter out of prison. Yes, it was during a little prayer meeting, but this was one of the BIG EVENTS of Christianity. No gathering that has demonstrated more evidence of the hear of man, in communion with God than this prayer meeting. If, we had more old fashion PRAYER MEETINGS, instead of so many "exercises" and "programs" and "religious picnics" and "class meetings" and many other things that are called religious activities, we would pray more sinners out of the "Devil's prisonhouse." Yes, the real Prayer meeting is a "big" thing, even though the majority of the church members are not acquainted with it at all. (See Acts 12: 5-17).

The State Association

We are counting the weeks. Only three from date of this issue. Are you lined up? I have just heard from the Western part of the State and the news was good. We are looking for several of the Western brethren to attend the State Association.

The Oncoming Revival

Many are saying, "There is coming a great revival of religion in the near future." However, there are others who think that things will get worse and worse until the end of time. There is plenty of room for a great old-fashion revival and it can be, providing those who call themselves Christians will turn from worldliness and frivolities and seek the face of the Lord. But as long as the church goes along with worldly living as the world lives, there can be no REVIVAL. We are anxious for an old-fashion revival. A revival where men and women will get right with men, and right with God. Not necessarily a great demonstration of noise, however, emotion is all right, if it carries the genuine "LOVE OF GOD SHED ABROAD IN THE HEART BY THE HOLY GHOST." But, there can be a lot of noise that has no fellowship with God. Aaron's crowd shouted around a golden calf. A lot of tears have been shed by hearing about "death-bed scenes" and other stories that play on the emotions of folks, but the realization of the "NEW BIRTH" certainly, brings real joy, and usually, when a person has real joy in his heart it is manifested in some way. But what I wanted to say, "Let every BORN AGAIN child of God attend the prayer meeting, and pray for an old time GOSPEL REVIVAL. A revival that will knock the DEVIL out of Worldly church members, and fill believers with the Holy Ghost.

The Union Meetings

The Union meetings of North Carolina will be in session by the time that these lines reach our readers. But I want to ask that each Union Meeting in North Carolina purchase one SHARE OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC., STOCK. If your Union is a big Union, why not make it two shares?

Some of the Unions have allocated the major part of their proceeds (FINANCE) to the National Association UNIFIED PROGRAM. This is a fine thing to do. This would help us to make our offering TO THE LORD and not to an object, because of need. But even though the Union is supporting the UNIFIED PROGRAM it certainly will pay to make an arrangement to purchase an interest in the Church Finance Association, and elect your representative to help look out for the best interest of the church and the Finance Association.

P. S.—We hope to see you at the State Association. Who? All the ministers and delegates from all the churches, and from all the District Annual Meetings. Look on page 29 in the 1942 State Association minute and you will find the blank letter to be filled out. Every blank space should be filled accurately if possible.

NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

The New Free Will Baptist Church at Pike Road, Beaufort County, North Carolina, will be dedicated on the First Sunday in September. The old church was Union Grove near Pungo. Rev. J. P. Woodard of Stonewall, Pamlico County, is our pastor and has been for the past five years.

All former members of the church and former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to be present for this dedication. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. It is expected to be a great occasion for those who attend this dedication service in the name of the Lord.

All friends and relatives in the community are asked to bring baskets with them to set a bountiful table before the throng of people on that day at the noon hour on the church grounds. Come and enjoy the day for the glory of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
J. A. Harris

HE WAS RIGHT

By A. R. Flowers

Roger W. Babson said a few months ago, "The decline of our churches is largely due to us laymen, who pretend to run the churches. We men who make up the average committees would never consent to give as little time or attention to the operation of a business in which we were interested as we do in our churches . . . Either the business would soon be in bankruptcy or we would be in jail."

Mr. Babson has seen just what every farsighted church man has seen for a number of years. I know of no other great institution that has suffered such tremendous losses, from the apathy of its constituency and especially its leaders, as has the church. This lethargic influence is due to our ignorance of God's Word. We have relegated our Bibles to the scrap heap and any observer can see that the supreme need of our church members is a sound knowledge of God's Word; a neglect for which there is little excuse.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE 1943 SESSION OF WOMEN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Miss Rebecca Stewart,
Corresponding Secretary

Inspiring and helpful was the gathering together of Free Will Baptist women from fourteen states in their annual meeting on July 12 and 13, 1943, at Nashville, Tennessee. In spite of transportation handicaps of various kinds, there was a very good attendance and much interest was manifest in every phase of Auxiliary work.

At the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday afternoon preceding the W. N. A. C. annual meeting, one of the most helpful sessions ever to be held was presided over by the president, Mrs. J. C. Griffin. At the request of the president, many new faces were present at this meeting. Among them were state convention officers and visitors from states new in auxiliary work. They along with all official members present rejoiced over the revival flames which were felt in that meeting. This same spirit continued through the entire session of the National Convention.

Monday night's session was climaxed with one of Mrs. Eunice Edwards' strikingly appropriate messages of great spiritual power according to the multitude of voices praising this message which bore the Auxiliary Convention upward and Onward.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Mabel Willey of Cuba brought a characteristically illuminating missionary message concerning present conditions and expectations of the future work in Cuban missions.

The reports, the plans, the spirit of the entire convention were refreshing. Reports showed progress in almost all lines of Auxiliary work while plans for next year included paid native missionaries, one in Cuba and one in India as soon as Miss Barnard returns to that field.

The unselfish VOLUNTEER services of our fine department directors as shown by their reports thrilled the splendid delegation with joy of the great task before the Women's Auxiliary.

Some new faces will be seen in the National Convention official family for the next two years. For the first time in the history of the Women's Auxiliary Convention, a woman west of the Mississippi River was chosen for our leader. Mrs. Eunice Edwards of St. Louis, Mo., because of her marked ability, her devotion and loyalty to Auxiliary ideals, and her services as field worker in the state of Missouri, was elected National Convention president for the next two years. The joy with which the announcement of her election is made will be matched by the satisfaction with which it will be received throughout the entire Auxiliary territory. Other new officers are Miss Gladys Baxter, a very capable and well-known teacher of Caledonia, Miss., for Stewardship Chairman (Fourth Vice-President) and Mrs. Damon Dodd, a student of prominence at the F. W. B. Bible School in Nashville, for Mission Chairman (Third Vice-President). All other officers were retained for two more years.

The Plan of Work adopted by the National Convention for 1944 is as follows:

Watchword for 1944: "Be Ye Steadfast"—I Cor. 15: 58.

Hymn for 1944: "How Firm a Foundation"

Theme for 1944: "Steadfast in the Work of the Lord."

I. Prayer:
1. (same as last year)
2. (same as last year)

II. Enlistment:
1. (same as last year)
2. (same as last year)
3. (same as last year)
4. That each National Department Chairman remind regularly her subordinate officer about carrying out definitely the Plan of Work as suggested in the Year Book of Programs each month.

III. Missions:
1. (same as last year)
2. That the National Women's Auxiliary Convention support, through the National Board of Foreign Missions, this year a native missionary in Cuba now, and one in India as soon as Miss Barnard can return to that field. For this work each auxiliary is asked to increase her mission offering at least $1.00 per month beginning NOW.

IV. Stewardship:
1. (same as last year)
2. (same as last year)
3. That a Stewardship Study Class be held EARLY in this year in every local Auxiliary and that the book adopted by the National Convention be the one studied. The book is "MONEY GROWS ON TREES" by H. H. Springer and can be ordered from Western Voice Publishers, Englewood, Colorado at 10c each (if you state in your order that it is used as a Convention study course book, and as many as 10 is ordered).
4. (same as last year)
5. (same as last year)

V. Christian Education:
1. That each second vice-president foster and advance Christian education of our young people as presented in the book, "Working with our Youth," which can be ordered from Auxiliary Literature hdq. 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn., at 25c each.
2. That each second vice-president as chairman of education urge each corresponding secretary to continually seek to secure subscriptions to our church papers (The F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo., at 75c per year and The Free Will Baptist at $1.50 per year, Ayden, N. C.) through the Women's Auxiliary and also the young people until there is at least one church paper in every home.
3. That special emphasis be placed on the Support of our Bible School at 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., by sending it a monthly donation.

4. (same as last year)

VI. Gifts:

1. (same as last year)

2. (same as last year)

3. That we continue the Jehoiada Chest fund as our mission fund which is to be used as follows: 1-3 of all such funds shall be kept in the National Auxiliary treasury for the promotion of its home mission and field work, and 2-3 of all such funds shall be sent on the first of each month to the treasurer of the National Board of Foreign Missions for payment of the two native missionaries promised by the Convention, as follows: $15 for a Cuban Missionary and $10 for a missionary in India. Each Auxiliary keep the record of your monthly offerings for native missionaries, BUT SEND all Jehoiada Chest or Mission money to Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn., so that the convention may know when and that it has kept its promise to support through the Foreign Mission Board MONTHLY two native workers.

VII. Personal Service:

1. (same as last year)

2. (same as last year)

VIII. Reports:

1. That the Convention's annual report to the association be made on the report blank as found in the back of the Year Book of Programs in order that a unified statistical record of Women's Auxiliary work may be had from local to district, and from district to state, and from state to national. This blank in the Year Book takes the place of the old letter form used by societies in former years. ALL OFFICERS continue to use the report forms as outlined in the MANUAL of METHODS in making their reports to superior convention officers relative to work done in their department that is not included in the president's annual report made on the blank found in the Year Book, and which is sent with the convention dues, to the treasurer of the body receiving the dues.

2. All funds contributed by local auxiliaries for ALL different phases of the National Convention work are to be sent monthly through the proper channels to the National Auxiliary Convention treasurer who in turn will forward all such funds to the proper treasurers of the National Association. Keep the records of such funds, BUT send the money on for its intended use. This procedure is for the inspiration and information of those Auxiliary workers who will come after us.

Another action reached after thorough discussion and with unusual unanimity of thought is the return after seven years, to the Convention's first plan for the distribution of all convention literature. The first vice-president of the National Auxiliary Convention was authorized to take over not only the supervising of the preparation and publishing of all literature needed for the advancement of Auxiliary work, but also to take over the distribution of all Auxiliary literature put out by the Convention Literature Department. From 1932 to 1935 Year Books were distributed by the Convention Treasurer. In 1936 it was decided to use the publishers as the distributors. Now after carefully comparing both plans it is decided to return to the Convention's first plans—distribute its own literature. It is believed that this action will be received with keen interest by Auxiliary members everywhere, and that they will be led to greater devotion in prayer that all the transactions of their literature department may be in all matters guided of God.

As a result of this action, the following Auxiliary literature will be distributed by the National First Vice-President: "Manual of Methods," "Year Books of Programs," "Standard of Achievement Wall Charts," Tracts, Auxiliary Method Study Course Books which are "Working with our Youth," and "Working Together." Watch our church papers SOON for advertisements concerning these supplies. If in the meantime you are in need of any, place your order with Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

For ALL MISSION and STEWARDSHIP study books, please continue to order these books from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C., just as heretofore. Suggested books for these classes will be found in all Year Books.

Why are we calling these things to your attention in detail? Because YOU are the one who will tell the other women all the way down the line to the local church, too, for the good the convention may do in cooperating with you in carrying out the fine Plan of Work assigned to us everyone for 1943-44.

With YOU we look toward the new year with a commitment of self to old ideals and new horizons. May God use our minds and hands to "give substance to the dream of better things to be that is in our hearts." In our personal lives, in our organizational life, in our churches, and communities we must make CHRIST pre-eminent.

"Herein is my Father glorified that YE bear much fruit."

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PROGRAM

This is the program of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference, which will be held at Friendship Church on the Fifth Sunday, August 29, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions led by L. D. Braxton
11:10—Welcome address by Mrs. Rachel Tyson
11:15—Response by Rev. L. B. Manning
11:20—Song by congregation
—Offering for the Orphanage
11:25—Appointment of committees
11:30—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:00—Calling list of Aids and Sunday Schools
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:45—Devotions led by M. E. Tyson
2:00—Talk by Rev. W. L. Hart. He will choose his own subject
2:30—Business period
3:30—Program to be rendered by Antioch Church
Mrs. K. Z. Cobb,
Mrs. J. C. Cobb,
Mrs. Elmer Pittman,
Committee

(See Auxiliary Plans in Behalf of Christian Education on Page 15)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

ISRAEL CALLED TO BE A HOLY PEOPLE

(Lesson for September 5)

Lesson: Lev. 19: 1-4, 11-18, 32-34.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Pet. 1: 16).

Our lesson centers around God's **expectation concerning Israel.** "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19: 2). In our lesson verses the Children of Israel are shown how they are to manifest this **virtue of holiness.** By reverence to parents, to the aged, and faithful observance of God's holy day (vss. 3, 32); b yrefraining from any form of idolatry (vs. 4); by honesty and truthfulness (vss. 11, 12); by showing practical sympathy to the afflicted (vss. 12-14); by righteous judgments (vs. 15); by refusing to hate another, and leaving retribution in God's hands (vss. 16, 17); by loving one's neighbor (vs. 18); by showing kindness to the stranger (vss. 33, 34). In observing these things they will reveal themselves as a people **different** from pagan nations which practiced idolatry, theft, falsehood, vengeance, etc. They were to be "a holy nation" (Exo. 19-6); a **separated** people (Lev. 20: 26); God's own **possession** (Deu. 9: 26, 27). They were to set an **example** to surrounding nations, to cause them to see the difference between their false gods and the only true God, the Lord God of Israel. On no account were God's people to **descend** to the level of the heathen. God was to be their **Pattern;** they were ever to **ascend** to new heights of holiness, becoming more and more like the Holy God who had called them to Himself. They were to be clean and pure in body, mind, and soul; loving, thoughtful, faithful, and true. We are familiar with the fact that Israel **failed to come up to God's expectations,** and paid the penalty for their sins (II Chron. 36: 14-21). It is to the **true** Israel of God (Gal. 3: 29; 6: 16), the **spiritual** Israel, composed of all true believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, and who are **one** in Him, which has become God's **own** possession, a people **separated** unto Him for His glory. It is those who love the Saviour who are to honor God by holy living, by growing in the likeness of His dear Son (Rom. 8: 29). Thus we are enjoined: "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (I Pet. 1: 15; comp. 2: 9).

—Selected

The student should read again Lesson Two. Why was the ground on which Moses stood "holy ground?" Evidently, it was the immediate **presence** of Jehovah which made this ground holy, and it is the **presence** of the Lord Jesus Christ in the life of a man or woman, boy or girl, that makes them holy in God's estimation. See 1 Corinthians 1: 30. When the old nature is crucified and Jesus Christ controls us, then our daily life will manifest His holiness to those about us.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. A holy God has a right to ask for a holy people (Lev. 19: 1, 2).
2. Holiness is positional and possibly emotional, but it is also intensely practical (vs. 2).
3. Men who see us do not know if God has justified us, but they can see if our walk is holy (vs. 3).
4. Our parents are sure to know it when God has purified our lives (vs. 3).
5. Any breach of the moral code is inconsistent with holiness (vss. 4, 11).
6. A profane mouth and a profession of holiness are an incongruous combination (vs. 12).
7. A holy walk insures honest dealings with our fellow men (vs. 13).
8. Unfortunate persons will not suffer in any way from one who lives in practical holiness (vss. 14, 15).
9. Our brothers, and also our neighbors, will be benefited if our walk is holy (vss. 16-18).
10. Love for others is an outstanding characteristic of holiness (vss. 32-34).
11. We wish we had space to reprint what our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies have to say on this lesson. Won't you read what they have to say?

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Many years ago, Queen Victoria, a beautiful Christian, asked a girl, "I wonder whether you are a Christian, my dear?" "Oh, yes, your Majesty," replied the girl. "How do you know you are?" asked the Queen. The reply was, "Because I've been christened and confirmed." The Queen made no answer, but gently said, "Now we will have a few words of prayer. She prayed thus: "Lord, open the eyes of this dear young girl, and show her that without a change of heart, she can never become a true Christian, and show her that no outword observances can in any wise save her soul." When the girl related this incident, she said, "Well, I have many times sung, 'God save the Queen,' but I never dreamed that I should hear the Queen pray to God to save m." The prayer of the Queen for this girl was answered. About a year afterward, the girl was "born again," and became a soul-winner.

"What think ye of Christ?
  From sin He makes free!
And as a man thinketh,
  In his heart, so is he.
The thoughts of the righteous
  Are right, saith the Word.
Without holiness then
  Shall none see the Lord.

NOTICE OF MRS. STYRON'S ILLNESS

This is to let Mrs. Ida Styron's friends know that she is in Rex Hospital in Raleigh for an operation. She desires the church people to pray for her, and to go to see her if possible. She will be pleased to get cards and letters from those who cannot pay her a visit at the hospital.—Editor

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

On September the tenth, 1943, the Free Will Baptists from all over the State will meet in Spartanburg for the first session of our State Association. Our people are becoming very enthusiastic over this meeting which will make history for our church. We believe it will do much to bring the Free Will Baptists of the State closer together as a church.

From visits which I have made to other conferences and associations, I believe that such an organization could mean much in promoting the work already begun, and undertake other things for the glory of the Lord. I am, therefore, appealing to our Free Will Baptist people throughout the State to see that their church shall be represented at this meeting.

Our corresponding secretary, Rev. H. T. Sawyer, Clover, South Carolina, has tried to get in touch with every church of our faith in the State. If your church, however, has not received notice of this meeting, this is your notice, and also your invitation to meet us in Spartanburg on September 10, 1943. You may write to brother Sawyer at the above address, and he will mail you instructions as to how you may reach the church.

Yours for a great meeting,

Louis A. Halliday,
President State Association,
Foreston, South Carolina

PROGRAM

The Union meeting of the Eastern South Carolina Conference will be held with St. John's Church in Florence County near Lake City on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in August, 1943. It will begin at 10:00 o'clock A. M. eastern war time.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Elder T. O. Lyerly
10:15—Appointment of the moderator and committees
10:30—List of preachers called
—Calling the roll of churches
11:30—Business period, and whatever business needs to be transacted
12:00—Sermon by Elder J. L. Smith; Subject: "The Church Covenant"
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00—Reassemble for devotions
2:15—Reports of committees, and any business that may call the attention of the union
3:30—Adjournment

J. G. Williams, Com.

P. S.—This program came too late to be published in last week's issue of the Baptist paper.—Editor.

SECOND UNION DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

August 29, 1943
Ayden, N. C.

Morning Session

10:00—Opening, Devotion by Ayden Sunday School
10:20—Business
Minutes read and approved
Appointment of Committees
10:40—Sunday School Institute
11:30—Reassemble
11:30—Musical
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. L. E. Ballard
1:45—Message by Mrs. Wilbur (Alma) Worthington; "The Sunday School in Relation to the Church"
2:10—Business
Report of Committees
Rewarding of Banners
3:00—Closing

The Musical will consist of several musical numbers rendered by the following guests: Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago, Ill.; Albert Harris of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.; Miss Clarissa Edwards, of Winterville, N. C.; Rev. R. P. Harris, of Enfield, N. C.; and others.

The nature of this Institute is to teach teachers how to teach. The teachers of the Sunday School Institute are listed below:

Beginners—Miss Clarissa Edwards
Primary—Mrs. R. C. Wiggs
Junior—Mrs. M. A. Woodard
Intermediate—Mrs. Cora L. Spivey
Senior and Adult—Miss Mary Ida McGlohon
Superintendents and Secretaries—Rev. R. P. Harris

PROGRAM

The annual session of the Sunday School convention of the Martin Association will be held with New Salem Church, near Colquitt, in Miller County, Ga., September 5, 1943.

Everybody is invited and asked to bring well-filled baskets.

Morning Session

10:00—Song and prayer service
—Devotions by Mrs. J. B. Chapman
—Welcome address by Mrs. C. L. Prickren
—Response by Mrs. W. L. Cleveland
—Enrollment of Sunday Schools with their delegates
11:30—Mid-day message by Rev. H. L. Catrett
12:30—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. C. A. Gilbert
—Programs by the various Sunday Schools
—New Business
—Miscellaneous business
—Election of officers
—Time and place for next session
—Discussions
—Adjournment

Program Committee:

Mrs. J. L. Daniels,
Miss Ruby Chapman,
Miss Jessie Mae Barber

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Boys and Girls Corner

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

Rejoicing in the Lord's loving care, Elijah left Mt. Horeb. A few days later he came to a great field in which a young man was driving a team of twenty-four oxen attached to a big plow. Elijah knew that this was Elisha, of whom the Lord had told him.

As he passed the young man, Elijah took off his cloak, or mantle, cast it over Elisha's shoulders and walked on without a word.

Elisha knew at once what that act meant. He knew that he had been called to be a prophet. He left the oxen standing in the furrow and ran after Elijah.

"Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and mother farewell, and then I will follow thee," he cried. His farewells ended, he hastened after Elijah and became his companion and follower.

For many years Elisha lived with Elijah, learning the work which God had entrusted to his prophets. Now the time had come for Elijah to leave his work on earth.

One day he prepared for a journey. 'Tarry here," he said to Elisha; 'the Lord hath sent me to Bethel."

Elisha knew that it would be Elijah's last journey. "As Jehovah liveth, I will not leave thee," he answered.

Again at Bethel and again when they came to the Jordan, Elijah tried to get the young prophet to turn back, but always Elisha answered: "I will not leave thee."

As they reached the bank of the Jordan, Elijah took off his mantle and struck the water with it. Immediately the water rushed back in great walls and left a dry path on which the two crossed to the other side. When they reached the bank the water rolled back again and Elijah, turning to his follower, said: 'Ask what I shall give thee before I be taken away from thee."

"Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me," the young man answered.

"Thou hast asked a hard thing, yet, if thou see me when I am taken away, it shall be so unto thee," Elijah answered solemnly.

They walked on together, talking earnestly. Suddenly a chariot of fire with flaming horses dashed between them. "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" cried Elisha.

Elijah did not answer. He was caught up as by a whirlwind and vanished with the chariot into heaven. Elisha was left alone to carry on God's work in the land of Israel.

Picking up Elijah's mantle which was lying on the ground before him, Elisha walked to the Jordan's edge. With Elijah's mantle he struck the waters, and again they parted to let him through.

As he traveled homeward, all who saw him murmured to one another: "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha."

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE MEETING

The following is the program of the meeting which is to be held at Eldridge, Alabama, at 10:30 A. M., August 29, 1943, for the benefit of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in the State.

Morning Session

10:30—Devotional singing with Rev. K. V. Shutes and W. H. Ryland in charge
10:45—Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. L. Warren
11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Davidson
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Sermon by Rev. J. J. Staab
1:45—Sermon by Sister Lizzie McAdams
2:30—Business meeting of the Program Committee.

P. S.—All members of the committee are urged to be present. Those who live in Winston, Walker, and Mayron counties, please bring lunch to be spread at the noon hour.—The Committee.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

TAYLOR. Rev. James E. Taylor, pastor of the West Hillsboro Free Will Baptist Church, died at his home in W. Hillsboro, August 2, 1943, following an illness of two months.

Rev. Taylor organized the church in W. Hillsboro about ten years ago, and served as pastor until his death. His good people have suffered a great loss, but we fully believe God shall give to this people another good pastor.

Brother Taylor served his people well, and he served King's Chapel, Orange county, Franklinton, N. C., and did quite a bit of evangelistic work. He was a member of the third union, of the Western Association, and also a member of the Western Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella Brown Taylor; one son, T. R. Taylor of Hillsboro; his mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor of Hillsboro; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Harp, of Durham; Mrs. Clauda Cole of Durham; Miss Sadie Taylor of Hillsboro; two brothers, D. G. Taylor of Durham and Otha Taylor of Hillsboro.

The body was laid to rest in Hillsboro cemetery. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. V. Brown of W. Hillsboro.

AN APPEAL FOR THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

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support this cause is where the preacher or pastor has failed to bring it before his people and to suggest to them to do so.

We would like very much if you should be a Brother or a Christian friend who would like to be honest and square with our church program, if there should be matters pertaining to this work and its operations which you do not understand or any motives or purposes which you cannot quite see, we would be only too glad to answer or refer you to someone else who will answer if possible such questions as will enlighten you in every phase of this work.

Now, we feel that since it is one of the major programs of our State work, that you could not afford to count yourself as a "Child of God"

without at least giving the organization a chance to enlighten you sufficiently so that you will join the army which will bring victory to our church in this work.

Nearly all of our organizations in the State have taken part by taking out memberships. There are a great many of our preachers who are loyal to all of our causes who have been and are supporting this organization in a marvelous way. We need the help of each and every one so that we will be able to function in a way which will be a credit to your church of which you are proud. I solicit your prayers, cooperation and support.

L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary

AUXILIARY PLANS IN BEHALF OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since my last article to the Baptist, I have secured a list of books and plans, suitable for Vacation Bible Schools, that I hope our churches will use in the promotion of this work.

These Schools are coming more into prominence in many of our churches, and several pastors have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with this phase of church life, as it has such a beneficial influence on the young life of those who are participating.

The Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C., can furnish the Manual and Study Courses for Primary, Junior and Intermediates, all of which are Standard. As your Second Vice-President of North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention, I am recommending that the Second Vice-Presidents of each District, work diligently to promote these Vacation Bible Schools, using the valuable Study Courses, and in every possible way, strive to arouse the interest of parents, of the need of their cooperation in this great work.

In behalf of our National Educational work, I am sure that many of our women are already waiting to be asked, or instructed about the part they can take in the furnishings, or equipment of our Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. Having visited the School while in Nashville, during the recent session of our National Association, and Auxiliary Convention, I believe I am in position to know how we may best serve, at this time. I have therefore decided that, if we really want to do something that would be a real help, we could do no better than to become responsible for the furnishing and equipment of the library. If the North Carolina women are to do this, each District in the State must be given a specific goal. After serious consideration and prayer for guidance, I am presenting the following plan and proportionate allotment to each Second Vice-President of their respective districts.

I am asking the Eastern Auxiliary District for $100.00; the Central for $100.00, the Western for $100.00; the Cape Fear for $50.00; the Albemarle for $25.00; the French Broad for $25.00; and the Pee Dee for $10.00, making a total of $410.00. I would like to make the total $500.00, and if I have made the apportionment too low for any district, I will appreciate your volunteer pledge for a higher amount.

Each District is asked to raise its amount by, or before November 1st, if possible, and remit same to our State Auxiliary Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles, of Greenville, N. C., at the same time, sending your report direct to me, as to your success, and that you have sent the funds to Mrs. Nobles.

I will become responsible to Mrs. Nobles for the purpose and necessity of the holding of this money in the treasury until the full amount is secured, after which she will be instructed where, and to whom it should be sent.

I hope I have made this all clear, but if not, I will be glad to make any explanation, or give any information possible, toward the success of this undertaking.

Our District Conventions will soon be holding their semi-annual meetings, and I hope each group will enter into the spirit of this "drive," with cheerfulness and enthusiasm, realizing that "in unity there is strength," and that if we are led of the Holy Spirit, we CANNOT fail. Let us show our love for the great institution, and our interest in its growth and prosperity, by active and creative efforts in its behalf. May the Lord bless us to "launch" out into deeper waters, where we shall find greater fields of service.

Yours to serve,
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HOMECOMING

There will be an annual homecoming celebration observed on the Fifth Sunday in August, 29th, beginning at 9:45 A. M. at Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. It will last through the day and dinner will be served on the church grounds in picnic style. All members and former members, and former pastors are requested to be present for this celebration.

We are expecting to have a wonderful time in the name of the Lord. Our new pastor, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, will be in charge of the homecoming program. Visitors are also invited to attend this meeting.

Our Sunday School is moving forward in a great work with the superintendent, Brother Willis Davis. We also have the Banner Singing class in the Beaver Creek Association.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

G. P. Shepherd,
Gastonia, N. C.

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Faith and Sight

Our eyes are holden that we do not see
How patiently He stands, how lovingly,
The while we pause, affrighted at the way,
Ere we have crossed the threshold of the day.
The fulness of the joy He'd have us know
Oftimes we miss, because we are so slow
To trust him, even when we hear him say,
"Fear not; lo, I am with you all the way."
Sometimes He lifts the veil and lets us see
How close beside He stands to you and me.
Ah! then we know it is his hand, his touch,
Moves this and that, that hinders overmuch,
And learn, at last unfalt'ringly to say,
I know He will abide with me to-day.

—Anna M. King

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THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

The time for the Georgia State Association is drawing night. I decided I would try to remind each one as to the time and place:

The time is November 16, 17, 1943.

The place is Greenwood Church, eight (8) miles southwest of Camilla, Ga., on the Camilla and Bainbridge highway. For further information write to Elder C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., who is pastor of the Greenwood Church, Bros. A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga., W. L. Cleveland, Iron City, Ga., and Miss Annie C. Zorn, of Glennville, Ga., is the Program Committee, and I am sure the program will be out on time, and worth while.

It is almost time for the local Associations to convene, and in these local Associations we want you to appoint from the laity of your church the best who have the cause at heart to represent you in the State Association. Save back some of your gas units, use some of your reserve, and remember that "my people shall be willing in the day of my power," to open up your heart, and will to be there, and I am sure that much and lasting good shall be accomplished. It seems to me that there is a greater demand, a more urgent need, for loyalty to the church, and service to Christ in general than ever before; not only of ravages of a war torn world, but of the low moral, and spiritual conditions that are blighting our nation. We shall fail to keep the home fires burning, fail to keep the flag of the CROSS waving, for their return. We shall be more than TRAITORS to them.

Plan now, pray now, work now. Now is the accepted time. Hoping that each, and every Association and Union meeting, and many of the local churches, throughout the State, will be represented.

Now last but not least, let us hope that each minister in the State will be with us.

Yours in the Master's service,
Elder H. L. Catrett,
Moderator Georgia State Association

EDITORIAL

GOVERNMENT BONDS—

Quite a number of the churches, Union meetings, Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and individuals have been purchasing government bonds in the name of the Orphanage at Middlesex for the purpose of laying aside a fund to erect a chapel at the Home when conditions will make it possible for the chapel to be built. Already a nice sum has been laid aside in this way by these loyal individuals and church organizations.

It is expected that many more of the churches, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary societies, conferences and associations will fall in line and contribute liberally to the Orphanage and its work by purchasing bonds for the Orphanage at Middlesex. Practically all of the ministers of North Carolina are in favor of this plan of raising funds for this purpose in addition to their hearty support of the Home in other ways. This fall will be a fine time for the people in the eastern part of the State to make large gifts to the Orphanage because money is plentiful, and most people are busy with jobs which are paying them good salaries. Certainly, some of their money could not be spent in a better way than their contributing freely to this Home which is doing an excellent piece of work in the State for the unfortunate children.

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ORPHANAGE ISSUE—

Next week will be "Orphanage Issue" of the Baptist paper. Since the North Carolina State Association will convene there the week following, Rev. James A. Evans has arranged with the editor to run pictures of the Orphanage buildings, together with explanations of the work and progress of the Home in recent months, for the benefit of the Baptist readers. Two thousand extra copies of the Baptist will be printed for Brother Evans, at his request, so that he will be able to use them at a great advantage for the good of the Institution.

A call has gone out by the Field Secretary of the State Association, Rev. J. C. Griffin, urging every church in the state to send representatives to this sitting of the association at Middlesex. All ministers are also urged to be present for this meeting, for it is expected to be the greatest in the history of the said State Association. Many worthwhile and important things will be considered on the floor of the association, and it is hoped that great plans will be set in motion for greater work to be achieved in the State for the coming year through the influence of the State Association.

Brother Evans, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, is laying plans, together with others, for the conveniences of everyone who shall attend the meeting this year. No one should stay away thinking that he or she will not be well cared for during the sitting of this body. Also the auxiliary unit of the Women's work in the North Carolina Western Association will meet in Middlesex at the same time, and work in harmony with the State body during the time it shall be in session. It will meet in the Methodist Church while the State Association will meet in the Missionary Baptist Church, both in the town of Middlesex. Thus, people desiring to be present for either or both of these meetings can fill up cars and drive to Middlesex, and enjoy the meetings while they are in session. Many who have not been privileged to look over the Orphanage during these last few years will have a splendid opportunity to do so while in attendance upon these meetings. It will be an inspiration to them to take some time to look over the whole plant.

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TIME FOR CHURCHES TO ACT—

There should be no good reason for any of the churches in eastern North Carolina to go without a pastor for the ensuing year, although the active ministers seem to be scarce in this section of the State. The Bible tells us to seek, and we shall find. Those churches that are having some difficulty to secure just the right pastor, or the one whom they prefer to elect to serve their church for the coming year, should continue to seek, let us say, until they shall be successful in finding a servant of God to work with them.

God certainly would not be pleased with any people to neglect to have services in their church for the coming year because they could not secure the minister they wanted. No, not at all. His work must go on by all means in these trying times. Every active minister should have some work to do for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Church of Christ in the world. The thing to do is to get the best minister you can find, and elect him to pastor your church for at least one year. God only knows just how much good he will be to your church and community. You may want to keep him for more than one year. He may be a godsend to your church and community. By your loyalty, faithfulness and co-operation with him, and by his determination to preach the Gospel of Christ in your church for the salvation of lost souls, great things can be wrought by the Holy Spirit of God during his active services with your church.

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FACING THE ISSUES—

There is no question but that the Church of the living God must face the issues today that are confronting it on every side. There is no time to slacken the pace, nor to question the outcome of this world-conflict. Christianity must not fail in this world-struggle. Every child of God should be more resolute now than ever for the glory of God that His kingdom work may go forward in a greater way. Sacrifices must be made, and they will be made by those who are now ready and are willing to give all for the cause of Christ.

In the Armed forces of this country, the religious leaders are ready

(See Editorial on page fourteen)

New Church Organizen

We are very thankful to our Lord that He has been so gracious to us as to permit the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church here in Houston. The church is going forward in every respect and the membership consists of a very faithful and spiritual group.

The organization of this church is the outcome of much effort having been put forth in previous years as well as that of recent months.

Our first service was held February 7, and after having held services for one month, on March 7 the church was organized with a representation of fourteen charter members. The organization was completed and a committee named to study and recommend to the body a church covenant, this, also, has been done. The pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Rev. H. Ray Berry, is a young man, whom some of you readers will recall having met at the National Association. The church has great hopes of advancing with much haste through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the organization we have enjoyed a continued increase in membership and if it be the Lord's will this membership will continue to grow not only in numbers but in the grace of our Lord and in Spirit. We have had an increase in membership as follows: On April 4th, 2; April 11th, 2; April 18th, 2; June 27th, 6; August 8th, 3. All the above with the exception of 2 have come into the church either by letter or statement, two having come for Baptism.

Prayer meeting is now being held each Wednesday in the various homes from which a great blessing is being received. We seek the prayers of each reader for the success of our church here in the name of our Lord and Master, who has been so gracious to us and also has promised that he will continue to bless so long as we continue steadfastly in righteousness.

As yet we do not have a building purchased nor do we have a building which can be used except on Sunday. We seek your prayers that this feat might be accomplished in the very near future. It is our request to each reader that you pass the information on to your church that we have a Free Will Baptist Church in Houston and ask you people to advise us the name and address of any of our people who might be in Houston and think they are without a church here. Let us know who they are and we shall be happy to contact them informing them of our location and services, which are for their benefit.

Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1008 Peddie St., Houston, Texas

God has wonderfully blessed the work here and I feel sure, in fact He has promised, that where a few are gathered together in His name He will be present.

Please address all communications to Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1008 Peddie Street, Houston, Texas. Please send us any names of our people which you might have or might learn.

May God's blessings abide with you forever. Please pray for the success of our Master's work here in Houston.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezek. 36: 26.

I AM NOT GOING TO A CHRISTLESS GRAVE—ARE YOU?

I got on the street car in Buffalo, and when the conductor came for my fare I gave him the leaflet, "WHERE HELL IS." As I handed it to him he laughed, and said, "You always give me one of these religious papers; I suppose you think me a very wicked fellow, but I am about as good as they make them." I held up my Bible and asked, "Do you see this Book? It tells me, 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked,' Jer. 17: 9. That means your heart and mine. It does not sound so very good, does it?" "Oh, well," he said, "there is plenty of time for me to think about these things. I am still young." "Yes," I said, "but if you go into any graveyard you will see graves of all sizes." A little girl once asked her mother how old must one be before he dies. The wise mother gave her child a long piece of string and told her to go into the graveyard and measure the graves, and every time she measured to tie a knot. Soon after the child came back with the string full of knots. "Look, mother, the graves are all sizes." "Yes, dear, that is when people died; at all times and ages." Again the young man laughed and said, "There is plenty of time for me." Little did he think, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12: 20. On leaving the car I said, "Remember, the time is short, and you need not go to be a Christless grave and to hell; Christ died for the ungodly."

This young man had only been a conductor six or eight weeks, but during that time I had often met him, and always gave him a tract. As this was not a busy line, I had often had a little talk with him and other conductors. Also, we have some who, like Epaphras, "always laboring fervently in prayer," Col. 4: 12. Well would it be if all who distributed tracts had the same.

The next morning I traveled by

the same car but a new conductor was there, who told me that the one I had spoken to the day before had intended going for an afternoon's pleasure, but in jumping from one car to another had missed his footing, was run over by the car, and injured so that in a few hours he died. I felt very badly, thinking he had indeed found a Christless grave, but later in the day I was told that he had accepted the Saviour and wished me to know that he was not going to a Christless grave. I went to his home, and as I looked upon that young man's dead face, I could not help thinking what an awful warning to anyone who thinks there is plenty of time.

"I tell you, time is short," Ps. 89: 47. "After this the judgment," Heb. 9: 27. God in His love and mercy had given this young man time, but, oh, how short the time was! God gave him a last message. Reader, this may be God's last message to you! Remember, "Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation," 2 Cor. 6: 2. Are you trusting that, doing the best you can will save you? Listen, "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool." Prov. 28: 26. Again, "He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." Prov. 28: 14. "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," Prov. 29: 1. Oh, won't you come to the Saviour now?—tomorrow may be too late.

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3: 18.

—Union Gospel Press

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

Dear Baptist Readers:

As I was walking along a few days ago through a little town, I passed a man giving out little pamphlets. I took one, and as I read it, I found that it was trying to set up proof that there is not anything to the religion we have, neither was there any good in the peace treaties that have been set up after the first world war, and neither would there be any good in the next treaties set up after this present war is over.

I will tell you what I think about this matter, and that is: it is the intention of our rulers to keep our freedom of religion by all means, wherein we shall be able to serve our God, and this according to the dictates of our conscience. We are to be a free people when it comes to religion. We are to establish peace for all nations. The Devil got into the first peace treaty after the first world war, but let us hope he will not have any power over the next peace negotiations. He will do all in his power to get into the next one unless the rulers keep him out of it. If the people will trust God, and let Him direct them in their shaping of a world peace, then the new peace will be worthwhile. As God sealed the door to Noah's ark, and shut the Devil out, so God will seal the door to the new peace and shut out Satan if the rulers will let God direct their affairs of the new peace. As Noah's ark stood the storms, so let us hope the new peace will stand the storms of time, and keep Satan out.

Notice what the Devil did when God made the beautiful Garden of Eden, and placed Adam and Eve in it. The Devil went in and caused them to disobey God's command. When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, through the wilderness and on to the Promised land, the Devil went along with them to get them to disobey God's commands. The people disobeyed God and brought punishment upon themselves. They opposed Moses and Aaron as they were leading them through the wilderness.

Daniel trusted God and prayed, and God gave him wisdom and understanding. It was Satan that put Daniel into the lion's den, but the Lord protected him and kept the lions from devouring him. It was because Daniel trusted in his Lord. The Devil is always trying to tear down every good work that is started by God's people. But Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

As for our religion, we have at this time I will say that Christ has set it up, and He has not rejected it. Neither will He reject it in the world to come. It will stand the test of time. The rich young ruler said that he had kept the commandments of the Old Testament law, but Christ told him to go and sell all he had, and then follow Him. This he hated to do, and he went away very sorrowful. Christ had respect for the old commandments of God, but when He told the young man what to do to be saved, he refused to do what Christ bade him to do. This young man did not love God with all his heart, if he had he would have obeyed Christ's command. He loved his wealth more than he did his soul. This religion of Christ will stand when the world's on fire.

We are to be led by the Holy Spirit to cling to our religion, for it is the one thing God wants us to do. We must not let our wealth get in the way of our religion. We are to love the brethren and our neighbors as ourselves. Christ has made the way so plain that anyone can find it if he will only seek diligently. Even a wayfaring man need not err therefrom, though he be a fool.

Dear People, please follow Christ's plan, and He will not turn you down. The Devil will try to deceive you, but Christ tells us to watch, as well as to pray, for fear that we may fall into temptation. I plead with those who are strong in the Spirit to pray for the weak that they may not become discouraged by false teachers. Let us hold fast to the old-time religion which Christ set up, for it is the religion which should make us to love everybody. Remember, those who will hold out to the end shall be saved.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

B. E. Coxwell,
Tallahassee, Fla.

CHARACTER OF THE WICKED

Eld. A. J. Jenkins,
McArthur, Ohio

Character is distinctive qualities relative to conduct and ability.

All of the wicked are diseased with the worst kind of blindness. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto them" (II Cor. 4: 4).

All of the wicked are corrupt, and compared to a rotten tree that never bears good fruit. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit" (Matt. 7: 17).

All of the wicked are deceitful, and they use their throat in open rebellion, and their tongue to deceive. "Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips" (Rom. 3: 13).

All of the wicked delight in iniquity, and rejoice to do evil." "Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the forwardness of the wicked" (Pro. 2: 14). All of the wicked are disobedient to God, and their own best interests. "Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against God" (Neh. 9: 26).

All of the wicked hate the gospel light, and walk in darkness, "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved" (Pon. 3: 20).

All of the wicked are high-minded in their own estimation, but in the light of Scriptures are criminals, "Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3: 4).

All of the wicked are hypocritical, because their wisdom shall fail them, and their understanding shall be darkened, "For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent men shall be hid" (Isa. 29: 14).

All of the wicked are ignorant of truth and mercy, and knowledge of God is far from them, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God among them" (Hos. 4: 1).

All of the wicked are full of pride that prevents them from seeking God. "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek God, for He is not in their thoughts" (Psalm 10, 4).

All of the wicked are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and more wicked, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3. 13).

All of the wicked have false hopes and expectations which shall perish at the end of life, "When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish. and the hope of unjust persons is gone" (Prov. 11: 7).

All of the wicked are filled with unrighteousness, that defile both soul and body. "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, deceit, and malignity" (Rom. 1: 29).

All of the wicked are rebellious, and forget their Creator. "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me" (Isa. 1: 2).

All of the wicked have less respect and honor for God, than some animals have for their masters, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but my people doth not know, my people doth not consider" (Isa. 1: 3).

All of the wicked are sold under sin, and the Devil manages their life against God, and their own soul, "Because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord" (1 Kgs. 21: 20).

All of the wicked are doomed to die in their sins if they remain sinners. "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (Jno. 8: 24).

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MARIES—HOW MANY, AND WHO?

By A. R. Flowers

Not long ago a good intended mother of four children came to me and said, "Prof. I want you to tell me how many different women are mentioned in the New Testament by the name of Mary, and who they were." Now to me this was an easy question, but to my good friend it was not; and I was glad, indeed, that she felt free to ask me. So I am passing this question on to the boys and girls as I have answered it.

Now the name "Mary" is of Greek formation and corresponds to the name "Miriam" in the Old Testament. And the first Mary mentioned in the New Testament became the mother of Jesus and is first mentioned in Matthew, chapter 1: 16; and many times thereafter by the different writers. The next Mary mentioned in the New Testament was Mary Magdalene in Matthew 27: 56. This Mary was from Magdala in Galilee. She was the woman out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. She was among those who ministered to Christ and his disciples. She was at the crucifixion of Christ and was also at his burial. She was among those who went to anoint him, and was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection. There is much tradition held about her that we need not mention here.

The next Mary mentioned in the New Testament probably of most note is Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus. She was a devoted disciple and friend of Christ. She is especially mentioned in Luke 10: 39, and Luke 10: 42, and also in John 11: 1 and Chapter 12: 3.

The next Mary, probably, of most importance is Mary the wife of Cleophas, mentioned in John 19: 25. She was present at the crucifixion and also at his burial. She went with others to anoint him. She was one of the first to receive news of his resurrection and went to worship him.

Another Mary mentioned in the New Testament is Mary, the mother of John Mark, and an aunt of Barnabas, mentioned in Acts 12: 12 and in Col. 4: 10. She was a pious wom-

an and lived in Jerusalem. You remember that the disciples had met at her house the night that Peter was miraculously delivered from prison. Acts 12: 7-12.

The sixth and last Mary mentioned in the New Testament, Romans 16: 6, was a devoted woman (disciple) at Rome, to whom Paul especially sends greetings for the much labor that she had bestowed on him and his co-workers.

Now, a close study of the deep devotion, of these six Maries, to their Lord, in all his sufferings, and to the great cause of Christian righteousness should inspire you young people into a more diligent study of the Old Book, for those supreme virtues in the life of men and women that most forcedly magnify the teachings and the manner of living of our Lord.

MORE VIGILANCE, MORE WORK

If Christians of this generation think that they can rest from their task of proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, let them look around and survey the scene before them.

We often speak of Christian principles, of how essential it is for the preservation of our life and freedom that these principles be securely maintained. But, men who sincerely hold principles must contend for their practice. The rub comes there —in the practice. Even though many may agree to the proposition in the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal, not so many are willing to risk anything to correct some of the practices in our country which deny that proposition. Many are willing to say that they believe in democracy. Not all of them, however, will gladly and at risk to themselves fight for more democracy at home.

We are sometimes glib in affirming that American democracy is for all men. But, we are too eager to forget that our immigration laws forbid Chinese immigrants from entering America at all. China is our ally in this war and, when we defeat the Japanese, it will be very largely because the Chinese have heroically resisted them for six years. This law forbidding the Chinese to come to America should be repealed. It is an insult to a cultivated people. It violates the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, the Atlantic Charter, and the Four Freedoms.

It should be repealed, but, who will fight for its repeal, and thereby prove to the world that democracy in America is a living thing, full of vitality? Who will risk unpopularity with the super-patriots, ironically so-called, who do not look upon American democracy as a society of man and for man, but who regard it as a kind of private reserve for people of their race and their religion? Who believes in the Christian principle of human equality so much and so fervently that he will contend for its application to the admission of the Chinese people to America? This is one of our battles now, and in the future, and forever—until it is won. There is no rest in this generation for those who would establish democracy securely in this country on the basis of sound Christian principles.

We shall soon be under the necessity of bearing the burden of contending for a just and democratic peace. This, too, will require long days and nights of hard work, and sacrifice, and vigilance, and prayer. Christians of this generation cannot lay down the burden that free men must carry. And, if we give a good account of ourselves, by the grace of God, we may then expect to find our reward in victory, and peace for those who come after us.

Rev. William C. Kernan

THE BIBLE

Born in the East and clothed in Oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God. Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life. It has a word for the time of peril, a word of comfort for the time of calamity, a word of light for the hour of darkness. Its oracles are repeated in the assembly of the people, and its counsels whispered in the ear of the lonely. The wicked and the proud tremble at its warnings, but to the wounded and penitent it has a mother's voice. The wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad by it, and the fire on the hearth has lit the reading of its well-worn page. It has woven itself into our dearest dreams: so that love, friendships, sympathy and devotion, memory and hope put on the beautiful garments of its treasured speech, breathing of frankincense and myrrh. No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the valley named of the shadow, he is not afraid to enter; he takes the rod and staff of Scripture in his hand, he says to his friend and comrade: "Good-bye, we shall meet again," and comforted by that support, he goes toward the lonely pass as one who walks through darkness into light.

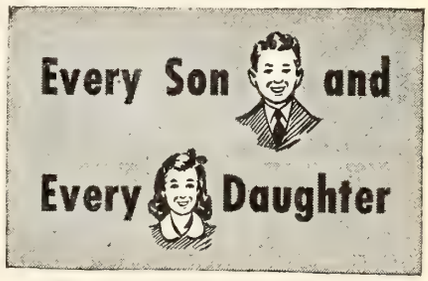
—Henry Van Dyke.

NOTICE

I will appreciate it very much if some one will notify me when and where the Little River Association of Georgia convenes in 1943. I would like very much to attend the same.

Address:

Eld. H. L. Catrett,
Colquitt, Georgia



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A NOTE OF THANKS TO BIBLE COLLEGE SUPPORTERS

By J. R. Davidson, Business Manager

We are rapidly approaching the date for the opening of the second Year's history of the Free Will Baptist College. Our testimony relative to the past year is, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Yet, we are reminded of the fact that the medium through which He has chosen to do what He has done is **You.** By your liberalities we can say that successes have been so very pronounced that we have been able to operate; regularly invest in necessary materials; look after upkeeps; and enjoy looking upon a steadily growing treasury.

Offerings of a miscellaneous nature from about seventeen different states, and substantial support through our permanently approved financial plan have been very satisfactory. Our annual endowment plan has taken well with our people, and it has provoked support on a wide scale. We cheerfully, and honestly, express our gratitude to God, and to every one who has given, for every dollar which has come in. Frankly, it has reached beyond the measure of our fondest expectations. You deserve the credit for a job well done, so far. We have always contended that true Free Will Baptists would support, and that liberally, worthy projects for the glory of God. This position is fully justified in your response during this year. May we all thank the Lord for His faithfulness in leading us on to these higher grounds.

As we face the coming college year we may feel assured of the fact that it is to be accompanied with increased responsibilities, which confirms the truth in the statement made by several to the effect that what we have done up to this time is a mere beginning. The answer to any prayer brings increased responsibilities. We are now face to face with the responsibilities of a greatly increased enrollment, and increased activities, which call upon us for arrangements for extra accommodations. The order of the National Association for the purchase of more property must be carried out, else we must rent more property, and make necessary arrangements to use every available square foot of the floor space which we have, hence there is a sudden extra draw on the treasurer, as well as an ever-growing demand. The increase in enrollment, and general growth of the institution, involves extra expenditures, in as much as no student is expected to pay tutition in this school. Teachers' salaries, and secretarial hire will be more than during the last school year, and as we express our thanks, we also extend to you increased opportunities for the second year of our history.

Every organization, and every individual, who supported during the first year should renew for this year with equal, or increased, pledges and remittances, and in the mean time enlist every possible new supporter among friends. May it be an **"All Together"** support as adequate in its nature, according to demands, for the second year as we realized during the first year. May the Christian Fellowship which we enjoy reveal us as, in reality, "Laborers together with God."

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BIBLE COLLEGE

In as much as September 15, 1943 will mark the first Anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee it seems that it would be very fitting to extend an opportunity to our people who are interested in the development of this institution for an appropriate celebration of some type. It being impossible for all to assemble together for such a celebration we wish to suggest an expressional type of celebration. All of us have read the slogan, "Say It with Flowers" but in this case let the slogan be, "Say It with Dollars." From the time you read this announcement up to September 15, 1943 will be considered the period in which one may get in on this anniversary celebration. Your expressions may be rendered in the form of offerings, or by the use of the annual endowment plan. Should you use one of the endowment check books the first check should be dated as of September 15, 1943, and the remaining checks should be dated on the fifteenth of each succeeding month for the next eleven. All anniversary offerings should be so designated by the organization or individual sending in. Cash, checks or money orders are acceptable.

Should the response justify the effort there will be a list of all anniversary donors published in the Free Will Baptist, and in the Free Will Baptist Gem immediately following the period of time designated in this announcement.

Signed
L. C. Johnson, President
J. R. Davidson, Business Mgr.

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NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

J. O. Fort, Secretary-Treasurer
808 West 27th St., Bryan, Texas

Our National Superannuation Program has now developed to the stage in which it is beginning to take shape, and the outlook is bright for its becoming one of the outstanding accomplishments of our Church. The National Association, in its 1943 session, adopted a constitution and by-laws to govern the National Superannution Board, together with a proposed constitution for adoption by the different State Superannuation Boards throughout the nation. The

Board has had these documents printed in phamphlet form and they are in my hands for distribution to State Association officials and others who are interested.

Since I am not in possession of the names and addresses of all State Association Moderators and Superannuation Board Charimen, I am somewhat handicapped, and I realize that these pamphlets must be in their hands by the time their State Associations meet so that they can bring the proposed constitution before the body for its adoption. However, I have already mailed out copies to officials in some States whose addresses I have managed to get here and there. I have already sent copies to officials, or other leaders, in the following States: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, and Oklahoma. I have not been able to find addresses of leaders in other states, but am anxious to get pamphlets in their hands immediately. If all State Association Moderators will write me a card at the address given above, giving me your name and address, I can make up a mailing list so that I can contact you as the need arises. There will be developments in the program which you will need to know about, and there will be requests we will need to make of you if this program is to go forward as it ought, for this must be a cooperative effort, with everyone of us making his contribution to its success.

Now for a word about the superannuation program. It is the suggestion of something definite and constructive. It is all-inclusive in that it provides protection for the active minister by giving him the opportunity to share equally with the National Board in paying premiums on a policy that will give him superannuation at the age of retirement, and at the same time, it provides for the minister who has already preached a lifetime and is now in need of superannuation. We believe it is the solution to the serious problem of security in old age of the ministers of our denomination.

Moderators of State Associations, will you urge the adoption of the proposed State Constitution, set up your State Board, and begin to urge upon your people the need for giving to the cause of superannuation. Send all your offerings to your State Chairman (who may also act as Treasurer), then he will send the National Board twenty-five percent of the funds coming to him to be used in protective superannuation for active ministers, while your State Board will use the remaining seventy-five percent to superannuate the ministers within your State who are past insurable age.

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MISS BARNARD TO INDIA

Our Free Will Baptist representative to India, Miss Barnard, is expecting to be granted passage any day. It might be some time and it might be any time. Indications are that it will be soon. Miss Barnard is hastily making all preparations for the journey. It means something to even make preparations for a trip like that to say nothing of actually making the voyage, and all the more in these times in which we are living. While we do thank the Lord the waters are not so dangerous now as in times past.

We as a denomination are confronted with the financial responsibility of Miss Barnard's return trip to the mission field in India. When we consider the necessary baggage she will have to ship across, the fact that India is in distance practically on the other side of the earth, and that travelling in these war times is extremely high we are compelled to be awakened to the fact it is going to cost something for her to get to her destination. Very likely it will make a thousand dollars look small before it is finished. Some one may say that sounds like lots of money. Yes, but you must take into consideration the things I have mentioned above, and even many many more which is not mentioned here. I repeat it means much to make a journey like this in these times.

I am appealing to our people every where to do their best in these next few months especially. Right now is a needy time in our foreign missions department. We are confronted with Miss Barnard's trip to India and the founding of the Cuba School of Missions at the same time. You have built up a splendid treasury during the past year; but it is being of necessity drawn on heavily at this time. However, I have no doubt but that you will faithfully rally to our every need. We are depending wholly upon you, and so are our missionaries. We are trying to spend cautiously and wisely as possible; but of course it just takes funds to do these things. Please, in all your associational gatherings and meetings every where, bear in mind the imminence of Miss Barnard's return to India and the present need of funds.

I appreciate so much the good work going. Let's send Miss Barnard to India with every need met in good shape and at the same time establish our school in Cuba in due time so as to not hold up the good work in that ripened field. We are depending on you, and of course upon the Lord above all. But remember He only has you as a channel through which He may work.

Yours for the faithful carrying out of the great commission, "go ye into all the world."

Winford Davis

HOMECOMING AT SARATOGA CHURCH

There will be observed the homecoming celebration at Saratoga F. W. B. Church on the third Sunday in September, which will be the nineteenth. There will be a spread dinner on the grounds. A special program will be rendered suitable for the occasion.

All former pastors, friends and former members of the church living away from the community are given a special invitation to be present for this occasion. The general public is also invited to come and enjoy the day with us.

R. C. Proctor, Church Clerk

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the State Association being held at the same time the auxiliary was to meet, and it to be at Friendship Church, Johnston County, and the association to be at the Orphanage, Mr. Evans has asked us to have our meeting in the Methodist Church at Middlesex, and to co-operate with the Orphanage. This request was due to the transportation situation and the fact that it probably would help the Orphanage. So the meeting will be on September 15, 1943. The program is as follows:

Morning

Theme: "Conquerors through Christ in War Days." 10:00 E. W. T.

10:00—Opening song
—Devotional led by Mrs. Bert Brantley
—Welcome address by Mrs. Elbert Tippett
—Response by Mrs. H. T. Jernigan
—Appointment of committees
—Roll call of societies
—Song
11:00—Message at the Baptist Church

Afternoon Session

2:00—Song
—Devotional led by Mrs. Vida Nixon
—Orphanage program
—Business, Finance and apportionment, etc.
—Presentation of awards
—Memorial Program by Mrs. J. A. Evans
—Song and benediction

Mrs. D. O. Wilder,
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Marshall	100.00
Walnut	25.00
Mountain View	37.15
Canton	29.26
Horney Heights	15.00
A Friend	2.00
Gem Refund	2.80
Total	$413.50

(Miss) Faustina Shearon,
Manager

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Rev. James A. Evans,
Superintendent
Middlesex, N. C.

August 26, 1943

Dear Friends:

It is time to remind you good folk of the children's fall and winter clothing funds.

This season, we are asking for $20.00 per child. We will appreciate it if you will urge your organizations to have this amount in the office by September 30, 1943. School started August 25th and we will need to get the children's clothing as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your past services to the Home and we are praying for your continued success. I am

Sincerely yours,
James A. Evans

P. S. Hoping to see as many of you as possible at the State Association, convening here September 15th, 16th, and 17th.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Receipts for July, 1943

Entwistle Church	$ 8.41
Rose Hill Church	3.25
Mrs. P. G. Harper	1.00
Mrs. Ida Nanney	2.00
Concert Class receipts—Ninth Week	333.03
Mt. Zion S. S. (Beaver Creek)	30.00
Rains X Roads Church	5.00
Mt. Zion S. S., Pamlico County	5.37
Mrs. S. E. Batton	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr.	20.00
Piney Grove S. S., Johnston County	11.32
Sale of farm produce	36.77
Davis Church	7.50
Rooty Branch Church	10.00
Cedar Springs Georgia League Rally	4.00
Wardens Grove S. S.	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	14.68
Core Creek Church	10.00
W. K. Ballentine	3.00
Concert Class receipts—Tenth Week	590.30
Junior League of Malachi's Chapel	2.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Goldsboro S. S.	10.80
Stoney Creek L. A. S.	25.00
Kinston S. S.	25.00
Peoples Chapel S. S.	5.00
Refund (store room)	2.80
Sale of farm produce	24.10
Marsh Swamp L. A. S.	20.00
Johnson Union S. S.	7.00
Ira Lamm	20.00
Mrs. Theria Merritt	15.00
White Oak Church (Pee Dee)	12.95
Sneads Ferry S. S.	1.00
Concert Class receipts—Eleventh Week	348.65
Daniels Chapel Church	15.00
St. Mary's S. S. (Eastern)	7.66
Gum Swamp L. A. S.	16.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Free Union Leagues	2.00
Mt. Zion S. S. and Singing Convention (Beaver Creek Asso.)	29.00
Mrs. Guy Carraway	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	25.00
Laura Wiggins Bible Class of Hickory Chapel Church	10.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.	10.00
Farm produce	30.75
Mrs. Ida Nanney	2.00
Free Union L. A. S., Greene County	18.50
Winterville S. S.	4.50
Grimsley L. A. S.	20.00
Mrs. Esther Williams	15.00
LaGrange S. S.	3.78
Cedar Hill S. S.	2.50

Premium Department	50.04
First F. W. B. Church, Jacksonville, Florida	41.50
F. A. Rivenbark	20.00
A. F. Ballance	20.00
Levi Hill	20.00
W. A. Jackson	20.00
Refund (on Board)	57.00
J. G. Teasley	149.15
Rev. E. G. Holland	25.00
Kinston L. A. S.	16.00
Howell Swamp Church	15.00
Greenville S. S.	10.46
Parker Chapel S. S.	1.19
Morehead City S. S.	9.80
St. Johns Chapel S. S.	6.40
Sidney Church	5.71
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Sts. Delight L. A. S., Greene County	6.00
Norfolk L. A. S.	5.00
Pilgrims Rest S. S.	26.06
Mt. Zion S. S. Pamlico County	3.00
Sale of farm produce	37.15
Mrs. Esther Williams	15.00
Concert Class receipts—Twelfth Week	472.80
Concert Class receipts—Thirteenth Week	322.00
Concert Class receipts—Fourteenth Week	74.59
Catherine West	5.00
Nympie Edgerton	1.00
Davis Church	7.50
Union Chapel Church	10.44
Union Chapel S. S.	5.26
Mrs. J. J. Everton	2.00
Entwistle Church	6.81
Rocky Mount S. S.	6.52
Rains X Roads Church	7.91
Deep Run L. A. S.	1.00
Clara Harris	5.00
Sale of farm produce	29.58
Bethel Church	14.00
Hull Road S. S.	5.09
Hull Road L. A. S.	3.74
Walnut L. A. S.	5.00
Carteret County Union	15.00
Total	$3,413.32

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT

Sixteenth Week

Fairview (Caroleen)	$ 21.33
Rocky Pass	23.17
Vale	14.40
Toe River Association	70.10
Burlesons Chapel	77.25
Old Fort	3.45
Homers Chapel	43.76
Mundy & Padgett	5.00
	$258.46
Sale of gems	3.40
Total	$261.86

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This is the program of the North Carolina Central Conference which is to be held at Mount Olive Church in Washington County on November 10, 11, 12, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

10:30—Devotions led by T. F. Davenport
—Enrollment of ministers and delegates
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Moye
12:30—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. C. H. Hamilton
—Moderator's remarks
—Business period
—Enrollment of ministers and delegates
—Appointment of committees
—Reports of delegates from the various conferences and associations
3:30—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions led by Rev. W. E. Richardson
—Reading of minutes of the previous day
—Business period
—Report of the Executive Committee
—Report of Educational work by Rev. L. R. Ennis
11:30—Special music to be arranged
—Sermon by Rev. R. P. Harris
12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. R. C. Alexander
—Business period
—Report of the Orphanage work by Rev. James A. Evans
—Report on state work by Rev. J. C. Griffin
—Report on the Press by Rev. R. B. Spencer
3:30—Adjournment

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotions led by Rev. F. C. Wiggs
—Business period
—Report of the various committees
11:00—Mission address by Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:20—Special music
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
12:30—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Song services led by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Report of Auxiliary work of the Central Conference by the president
—Report of League work by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Report of the Sunday School work by Raymond Hart
—Petitions for the sitting of the next conference
—Appointment of delegates to the various conferences and associations
—Report of Finance Committee
3:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

MR. STYLE

Mr. Style went to church
To see what he could do;
He told the pastor, "I am
To lead your service through."

He stood right up before the choir,
And taught them how to sing;
Just yell and yell with all your might,
You'll learn just what I mean.

Forget the songs of long ago,
And sing the modern way;
For Brother Style from the highest ranks
Will visit us today.

Now, when you see him at the door,
Just let me lead the way;
I'll take my little prayer I wrote
Then we will stand and pray.

And Brother Pastor, when you preach,
Leave out the Word of God;
Just tell them all about yourself
While the deacons sit and nod.

Then, when the service we shall end,
For Brother Style today;
We'll sing a song and say a prayer
Then send the crowd away.

Ralph Cannady

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

ISRAEL MARCHES TOWARD CANAAN

(Lesson for September 12)

Lesson: Numbers 10: 11, 12, 29-36. Read Num. 10: 11—12: 16.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good" (Num. 10: 29).

Hobab, then, was the brother-in-law of Moses, and it has been suggested that Moses wished to keep him for his value as a guide in the wilderness.

But there is a more significant thought suggested in this verse. A man of God invites others to go with him. He promises to do them good if they go. It is the sincere desire of all true children of God to have others join them in their service and devotions, for they know that the Lord will bless and do good to all who serve Him.

—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

In view of the fact that Moses greatly desired Hobab to go with them, it is an obvious conclusion that the wonderful promises of divine guidance and divine direction of God did not supercede or debar the use of all available human help that could possibly be secured for the journey. The Bible bears out the fact, over and over again, that God expects human instrumentality to be used whenever and wherever possible for the good of others. So in this case, Moses asked Hobab to accompany them on their journey that he might be of great assistance to the children of Israel in the desert. It is also true that those who will befriend God's people to do them good, he will also bless them in return. Native guides in foreign lands have often been of great advantage to Christian missionaries in their taking, for the first time, the Gospel of Christ to the heathen people.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. Sentence Sermons

1. When we follow the Lord we will always be "up-to-date" in the Christian life (Num. 10: 11).

2. It is never well to remain long in the same place in our Christian experience. Progress is essential (vs. 12).

3. Relatives sometimes become interested in our spiritual experiences even before they are willing to share in them (vs. 29).

4. If we do not urge our kinsfolk to become Christians, is it because it is not real to us? (vs. 29).

5. Unsaved people always prefer to go back to their own crowd (vs. 30).

6. Unsaved persons can become reliable counselors only when they join with the people of God (vs. 31).

7. It is certain that those who identify themselves with the children of God will share their blessings (vs. 32).

8. God's own guidance is more dependable than that of the best and wisest of men (vs. 33).

9. The uncertain cloud becomes a certain guide when God is in it (vs. 34).

10. When God guides us we are sure of victory and of the rest that follows (vss. 34, 35).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Recently I heard a man speaking well of the church, upholding its place in the community, and praising the ministry for its guidance of youth. He said the church was always on the right side of every issue, and that he took his children to Sunday School every week, so that they could have the benefit of Bible training while they were young. Naturally I presumed that he was a church member, and I asked him if he was a "brother in Christ." He did not seem to know what I meant, so I said, "Are you a member of the church?" He said, "No, but my wife is." "Oh," I exclaimed, "Then that makes you a **brother-in-law in** Christ!" The rest of the preachers all laughed, and the man joined in; but their laughter did not change the fact that there are hosts of people just like this man. They are walking our way, and since they are coming along with us, we **are** doing them good!

To finish the figure, Hobab could have profited much by simply going with Moses and the horde, but the full blessing could never have been his unless he became a proselyte to Israel, and accepted Israel's God. In exactly that same manner, the Church to-day has a greater mission than "doing good" to those who walk our way. Our supreme task is to unite men to Christ. By preaching the central fact of Revelation: "Christ died for our sins"! we can put within the reach of men an eternal life that can never pass away. The **good** we do for men is incidental. If they will **join** us, instead of "coming with us," we have an inheritance that fadeth not away, and which we long to share with them.

—Selected

Hobab's Refusal A Dangerous Thing

Many people think that the stirring of the emotions is a pleasant and even profitable thing. They forget that every such appeal and experience hardens unless it is given some lawful outlet in faith or work. Dr. Maclaren illustrated that thus:

"I once heard that if you take a bit of phosphorus and put it upon a slip of wood and ignite the phosphorus, bright as the blaze is, there drops from it a white ash that coats the wood, and makes it almost impossible to kindle the wood. And so, when the flaming conviction laid upon your heart has burnt itself out, it has coated the heart and it will be very difficult to kindle the light there again."

—Moody Monthly

Going Ahead With God

The other day I went into a garage whose entrance doors were set back some distance from the street. I wondered whether some one would

come out and open them, and just as I was thinking about it, the doors opened automatically. I discovered that I had run over a long, narrow plate on entering. This automatically made an electrical connection which opened the doors.

Life is often like that. We face seemingly impassible barriers, and then discover that the doors are opening. The fact is that our entrance has something to do with it. The moment we start on the difficult task ways begin to open for its completion. The old proverb is true, "Well begun is half done." Trying to accomplish the task is more than half of its solution. I have sometimes wondered whether the old verse, "Behold, I have set before thee a door, opening." Start in, and the way clears. Move forward, no matter what the difficulty, and a great many trivial and fearsome things will get out of the way.—Ernest Bourner Allen in C. E. World.

MY MOTHER

By Edgar Daniel Kramer

She was a slender lass, when I was born,
As church bells summoned folks to kneel and pray
One radiant October Sunday morn,
And worshippers trudged down the paven way,
While close she clasped me to her snowy breast
With smiling and love shining in her eyes,
As hungrily my trembling mouth caressed
Her flesh and drank the milk of paradise;
Adoringly she pressed her fragrant lips,
Unmindful of the anguish I had brought,
Against my groping rosebud fingertips,
That in the beating of her heart were caught,
And, when the music of the bells was done,
She murmured, "Jesus, bless my baby son!"

Her hair was twilight veiling field and fen;
Her breath was mingled sweets of musk and myrrh,
When pixies dance with Summer in the glen,
While I, a stumbling toddler, clung to her
Or clutched her skirts and went from room to room,
As she performed her daily round of chores
With pail and mop, with dusting cloth and broom,
Made cakes and sewed or polished brass and floors,
Until the busy, fleeting day was through
And to the bubbling kettle's cheerful hum
We waited, though the winds of winter blew
Or roses blossomed, for her man to come
From toiling to give thanks for meat and bread
And help her put me tenderly to bed.

When I had climbed the years to man's estate
And journeyed over meadows, hills and seas,
While hearkening the tales the winds relate
To dreamers, who would find Hesperides,
Grown weary of the never-ending quest,
Of screaming gulls, of ships and flying foam,
Heartsick and bleeding, wanting only rest,
I ever gladly turned my footsteps home,
Where she would greet me in the candlelight
And welcome me with trembling, calloused hands,
That healed my hurts; with eyes made strangely bright
By love that mystically understands,
And, as I knelt beside her rocking chair,
Her faith gave me new strength to flout despair.

Now I am stooped and withered, gaunt and gray,
A fading shadow and a story told,
Though I am hearing wise folks softly say,
Their voices, breezes haunting wood and wold,
She has turned from this whirling world of breath,
The house and garden that she loved full well,
To follow unknown paths with grisly Death
And gather star dust with each asphodel,
I nod and smile but give them little heed,
For, in my seeking after luring dreams,
I have learned it is oftentimes decreed
That nothing is exactly what it seems.
So how can we be distant and apart,
When she is mine and I, too, am her heart?

Each day I am more certain God is kind
And wiser than mere folks can ever know,
For most of us are frequently so blind
We can not glimpse the grass beneath the snow
Or see the daffodil and violet
Lift from the clod, though Winter makes the earth
A wind-blown waste, a ghostly Olivet,
Where Grief denies the soul the balm of mirth.
Therefore, in spite of sighs and whispered words,
When I am summoned and must wander far
From lilacs and the minstrelsy of birds
To walk in realms beyond the palest star,
My mother, clad in garments glory-spun,
Will kiss my mouth and say, "Rest here, my son!"

—In Christian Herald

The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord. Isa. 29: 19.

When Christ by faith is present,
The sinner's troubles cease;
His ways are truly pleasant,
And all his paths are peace.

Boys and Girls Corner

ELISHA TEACHING HIS SERVANT TO TRUST

Joram, the new king of Israel, honored Elisha, God's prophet, and Elisha was of great service to him in return. Ben-hadad, king of Syria, would very often send swift-moving armies into Israel to attack cities and rob them.

Time after time Elisha, through his wonderful power as a prophet, would warn King Joram where at attack was going to be made, and when the Syrian army would surround a city they would find an army of Israel coming up to meet them, and they would have to retreat without any plunder.

Ben-hadad, the Syrian king, decided that there must be a spy among his men. He asked: "Show me who among us is on the side of the king of Israel."

His wise men answered: "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet, telleth the king of Israel even the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber."

"Send out spies and find out where Elisha is," commanded Ben-hadad.

The spies returned and reported that Elisha was in the city of Dothan. Immediately Ben-hadad ordered a large army with horses and chariots to hurry to Dothan and to take Elisha prisoner. The Syrian king feared this wonderful prophet and decided to destroy him.

When Elisha woke up one morning and went out to the city wall, he saw a great army of Syrians drawn up in battle array all around the city. His servant saw the Syrians, too, and cried: "O my master, what shall we do?"

Elisha was not even worried. He knew that the Syrians had come to kill him, but he knew that he had God on his side.

He turned to the poor servant, who was trembling with fear. The servant had forgotten to trust in God. He saw only the great army of the enemy. He thought that he would soon be slain by Elisha's side.

"Fear not," said the prophet, "for they that are with us are more than they that are with them."

Elisha knew that the power of God was greater than that of the whole army of Syrians. Then Elisha prayed that God would teach the servant to trust Him too. "Look up," he called to the young man. The servant looked up, and, behold, he saw that the hilltops behind the enemy, and the sky above, were filled with horses and chariots of fire—God's power to protect His prophet Elisha.

EDITORIAL

to serve to the end with the boys on the battle fronts that the blood stained banner of Christ might be held before the world for a Christian victory. In the mission fields missionary workers are willing to stand up for Christ to the last that the word of God might reach the hearts of those who are standing in need of a Saviour. The religious workers at home should, by all means, stand firm and true to the principles of the Christian faith, and seek to do all they can to win lost souls to Christ. Evil is everywhere and on every side in this land, and it behooves the servants of God to preach the Gospel with power and conviction, and draw the lost to the Son of God.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By Rev. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

The Outlook Good

According to reports and the "bits" of news picked up, here and there, the outlook for the State Association this year is good. Many are making plans to attend because the Association is being held at Middlesex, which gives an opportunity to visit the orphanage.

The Future

There is much speculation as to the future. "Post war" talk is one of the great issues today. Never before has there been such enormous debts, with so much destruction and havoc—all born out of envy, hatred and selfishness of human beings. But it is to be smoothed out for the beginning of a new day among the nations of the earth.

Victor Hugo said, "There is one thing that is stronger than armies, and that is an idea whose time has come." But I say, "There is but one power that is able to straighten out the tangled conditions that have been brought about by this awful, destructive war, and that power is the Lord Jesus Christ." If men would accept and give the room that is necessary for peace to Christ, "post-war days" would be settled with justice to all. But with the selfishness of human beings controlling the acts of man, there can be no just, progressive, satisfactory preparation made for uplifting humanity. The only way, I say, "IS BACK TO GOD."

THE THREE BIDDERS

Will you listen, kind friend, for a moment,
While a story to you I unfold;
A marvelous tale, of a wonderful sale
Of a noble lady of old:—
How hand and heart, at auction mart
And soul and body, she was sold!

'Twas in the broad "king's highway,"
Near a century ago,
That a preacher stood,—though of noble blood,—
Telling the fallen and low
Of a Saviour's love, and a home above,
And a peace that they all might know.

All crowded around to listen;
They wept at the wondrous love,
That could put away sin and welcome them in
His spotless mansions above:—
While slow through the crowd, a lady proud,
Her gilded chariot drove.

"Make room" cried the haughty outrider
"You are closing the king's highway:
My lady is late, and their Majesties wait
Give way, good people, I pray."

The preacher heard and his soul was stirred,
And he cried to the rider "Nay."

Then,—bending his gaze on the lady,
And marking her soft eye fall,—
"And now in His name, a sale I proclaim
And bids for this fair lady call.
Who will purchase the whole—her body and soul,
Coronet, jewels and all?

"I see already three bidders,—
THE WORLD steps up at the first,
'I will give her my treasures, and all the pleasures
For which my votaries thirst;
She shall dance each day, more joyous and gay,
With a quiet grave at the worst.'

"But out spoke THE DEVIL, boldly:
'The kingdoms of earth are mine.
Fair lady, thy name, with an envied fame
On their brightest tabels shall shine;
Only give me thy soul, and I give thee the whole,
Their glory and wealth to be thine.'

"And pray what hast thou to offer,
Thou MAN OF SORROWS unknown?
And He gently said, My blood I have shed
To purchase her for Mine own.
To conquer the grave, and her soul to save,
I trod the winepress alone.

I will give her My cross of suffering,
My cup of sorrow, to share;
But with endless love, in My home above,
All shall be righted there:
She shall walk in light, in a robe of white,
And a radiant crown shall wear.'

"Thou hast the terms, fair lady,
That each hath offered for thee.
Which wilt thou choose, and which wilt thou lose,
This life, or the life to be?
The fable was mine, but the choice is yet thine.
Which of three shall it be?

Nearer the stand of the preacher,
The gilded chariot stole.
And each head was bowed—
As over the crowd his thundering accents rolled,
And every word that the lady heard burned in her very sou.

"Pardon, good people," she whispered,
As she rose from her cushioned seat,
Full well, they say, as the crowd made way
You could hear her pulses beat;
And each head was bare, as the lady fair
Knelt at the preacher's feet.

She took from her hand the jewels,
The coronet from her brow;
"Lord Jesus," she said, as she bowed her head,
"The highest bidder art Thou.
Thou gav'st for my sake, Thy life, and I take
Thy offer—and take it now.

'I know the world and her pleasures
At best they weary and cloy;
And the Tempter is bold, but his honours and gold
Prove ever a fatal decoy;
I long for Thy rest—Thy bid is the best,
Lord Jesus I accept it with joy!"

"Give me Thy Cross of Suffering
Welcome earth's sorrows and loss.
Let my portion now be, to win souls unto Thee.
Perish earth's glittering dross,
I gladly lay down her Court Crown
Lord Jesus to take up Thy Cross.

"Amen," said the noble preacher;
And the people wept aloud.
Years have rolled on—and they have all gone
Who formed that awe-struck crowd.
Lady and throng have been swept along
On the wind like a morning cloud.

But the Saviour has claimed His purchase.
And around His radiant seat,
A mightier throng, in an endless song,
The wond'rous story repeat;
And a form more fair, is bending there,
Laying her crown at His feet.

—Union Gospel Press.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11: 29.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage. Stamps in the letter will do.

JOHNSON. On Monday, March 15, 1943, the soul of Brother M. H. Johnson took its flight to the great beyond. He suffered a stroke on Friday night, March 12, and grew worse until the end came.

He was born in Wilson County on July 11, 1889, making his stay on earth 53 years, 8 months and 4 days. He was married to Miss Bertha Owens in 1909, who was also of Wilson County. To this union was born 5 sons, 2 of them preceded him to the grave a few years ago. The surviving are Ressie of Medford, Oregon; Ransom and Henry Johnson of Kenly, North Carolina, Route 2. He leaves 3 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Allie Pittman, and one Aunt, Miss Florence Boykin, both of Kenly, Route 2.

He was a faithful member of Mount Zion Church, Wilson County, which he helped to organize, and after which he served as church clerk until his death. He is greatly missed in the church and the community in which he lived.

His funeral was conducted by Reverends J. A. Evans, W. R. Williams, and T. Renfrow, after which his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

A loved one from them is gone,
A voice they loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in the home
That never can be filled.

Mrs. James Crocker

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THE HOUND DOG AND THE BUMBLEBEE

By Harry Brokaw

A lean old hound lay asleep in the shade
By the edge of a clover patch;
And he dreamed a dream of Reynard, the fox—
Of the fox he hoped to catch.

A bumblebee with a velvety coat
Came by with a musical hum,
To sample a bloom quite near the dog
That now was snoring some.

The hum of the bee, so near at hand,
Made the hound dog think of the fox,
And the trail that lay through the leafy woods
To a den in the midst of the rocks.

He awoke with a start as the bumblebee
Came near to the end of his nose;
Then I heard him make one wicked snap,
And his jaws like lightning close.

In an instant then from an open throat
The howls of anguish sprung,
For the bumblebee, in an angry mood,
Sat down on the old dog's tongue.

The moral that I hope to teach
Is not so hard to see:
Don't snap too soon, before you think
Like the dog at the bumblebee.

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CROWDING THE MASTER OUT

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" (Lam. 3: 40).

Friends of the Baptist paper, when we search and try our ways, where do we find ourselves? Do we find ourselves serving our Master? Or do we find that the cares and idols of this world have crowded Him out? God tells us to search the scriptures and try our ways, and turn unto him.

Let us poise for a moment and really search our ways, and see if we are walking in the Master's steps, or are we letting other things take his place in our daily walks of life. Do we really have any room for Jesus, or is He crowded out from us so that we don't even feel his presence to guide us.

God's word says we labor and have not rest, because we labor in vain. Is this true in our lives? Are we under persecution and condemnation? Do we find no rest in the things that we are worshipping. Let us search our ways, and turn back unto God where there is rest and no condemnation. God has said that we shall know the Lord. The slain are certainly falling, if it is not in our midst. It is in the midst of our boys on the battle fronts of this great war. Are we beginning to know that he is God? God says that the Son of man dwells in the midst of a rebellious people, and He says that some have eyes and see not. They have ears and they hear not. They are a rebellious people. Does this apply to us? Are we a rebellious people? Or are we turning back to God and trusting in Him.

God says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die." He also says that if a man be just and do that which is lawful and right he shall surely live. When the righteous turns away from God and commit sins, he shall be condemned. I ask, have the unrighteous people of the world crowded out our Saviour from our presence? Let us who profess our Master's name really search out our ways, and see if we have let other things crowd Christ out from our lives.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes

EDITORIAL

MIDDLESEX ORPHANAGE—

Several decades ago the Free Will Baptist people of the State of North Carolina began to see the need of establishing an orphan home within the bounds of the State. In view of this fact, many of the leading ministers and laymen of the church began making speeches at the annual conventions of the several conferences in the eastern section of the State. Interest began to spread more and more among the different churches until definite steps were taken to establish the institution for the care of unfortunate children.

The Reverend B. B. Deans, of Middlesex, North Carolina, became so interested in seeing the denomination have such a home in the State that he gave several acres of land upon which the home might be built. This action on his part stimulated others to begin to give means to erect the building and to arrange to receive orphan children in the home. Local churches, union meetings, conferences and associations in the State began to render support to the home regularly. The results were that, in a few years, several buildings were erected and a goodly number of children were admitted in the institution for their care and education.

Progress has been made all along since its beginning, and now the home is progressing in a good way. The church people over the State and even in other states are making liberal offerings to its support and upkeep month after month in the year. Several hundred unfortunate children have been cared for and reared in the home, and have gone out to hold worthwhile places in the world to earn for themselves a living.

Other states have, for the past few years, been stimulating interest among the church people for the establishment of orphanages. Just a few years ago the Free Will Baptists in the State of Tennessee bought a good site and established an orphan home for the unfortunate children in their midst. That home is caring for a number of children as a result of interest shown by many of the Free Will Baptist people in that State.

The Free Will Baptists of the State of South Carolina have been working for some time, toward the establishment of an orphan home in their connection. As a result of their efforts, funds have been raised and laid aside for this purpose when the time is convenient for those people to begin the work of erecting the buildings for the home. Kentucky and Alabama, also, are greatly interested in establishing for their unfortunate children who are standing in need of being cared for by some organization. Steps are being taken in both of these states for the raising of funds for this purpose.

It is a fine showing that this orphanage work is growing upon the minds of the church people of the denomination, and that steps are being taken to establish such homes in some of the different states in which the Free Will Baptist denomination is operating as a church. May the example of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists, in this respect as a pioneer in the orphanage work of the denomination, be followed not only by the states just mentioned above, but also by others as time passes and the need arises for such institutions to be established by the church for the glory of God and the good of hundreds of unfortunate children.

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ELDER PHILLIPS SENDS GREETINGS—

Brother E. T. Phillips sends greetings to the North Carolina State Association which convenes with the Orphanage at Middlesex on September 15-17, 1943. He served as secretary of that body for around twenty-five years, and up to the time when he became too feeble to be of active service to the denomination. He has considered it an important organization in the State among the Free Will Baptist people, and rendered wholehearted service, whenever it was possible for him to do so, unto it for the advancement of the cause of righteousness among the people.

How happy he would be to be able to attend this session of this great body, and to see many of his good friends, and the faithful laborers of the kingdom of God. But Brother Phillips is too feeble to even leave his bed, or to sit up in his chair a few moments, nevertheless he is thinking now of the State Association and its work, and what it shall mean to the denominational work during the coming years.

Since he cannot be with the good brethren by actual presence, he will be with them in thought and in the spirit, and shall wish them the greatest of success during this session. Moreover, he is asking that many of his good friends and acquaintances take time to drop him a card or letter, telling him about the work and how they are getting along in the Master's cause. Whenever possible for them to do so, he will be happy to have any of them to drop by to see him when they happen to be visiting in Ayden.

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PRICE OF ADVANCED QUARTERLY CHANGED—

This is to advise that the price of the ADVANCED S. S. QUARTERLY has been changed from eight to nine cents per copy, beginning with the Fourth Quarter issue, 1943. This was necessary due to the fact that labor, paper and cost of publication has been greater than when the quarterly was published three years ago for the same price. The quarterly is one fourth larger than the Senior quarterly, and we have been charging only one cent more for it, which made it cost us more to publish and with a very little profit. Thus we feel it necessary to put it now at nine cents per copy, when we are giving our Sunday Schools this quarterly, value for value, equal to Adult S. S. Quarterlies being put out by other denominations and priced at ten cents per copy.

Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.

Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent
W. A. Jackson, Chairman of Board Trustees

The Free Will Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina had its inception several years prior to its opening.

SUPERINTENDENT

REV. JAMES A. EVANS

In the years of 1910-1915 some of our leading Free Will Baptists became interested in providing a home for orphan boys and girls of our denomination and State. We had men and women from various Conferences and Associations which embraced the entire State, that saw this great need, so they began to advocate building of a home where we could provide care, training and the necessary comforts of life for our children that would otherwise be supported by relatives or by County, State or Federal Aid.

In the year 1915 the interest became so great that the State Association voted unanimously to assume the responsibility of providing for those helpless boys and girls.

At the Annual session in 1915 at Shady Grove church, it was decided to elect a Board of Trustees to make the necessary arrangements to provide this home.

There was not at this time any money provided or any land donated for a site. The trustees elected were Elders J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats, M. C. Prescott, J. E. Davis and Brother W. J. Braxton. This Board of Trustees soon began their work and on January 1, 1916, they accepted a gift of 50 acres of land about two miles north from the town of Middlesex from Elder B. B. Deans and a few years later, purchased the adjoining tract of 111 acres making a total of 161 acres. Of this about 68 acres is in cultivation and the remainder in pasture and woods.

The first building was begun in the latter part of the year 1916, this was a three-story building with a basement. This building has 31 large rooms and is now used by the girls and today called the Girls Dormitory. This building was opened for the admission of children in the month of May and on the 23rd day, 1920.

The first application was passed on February 11, 1920. The first children admitted were Nellie, Helen, Dorothy and Carl Whitley on May 23, 1920. In just a few years it became necessary to erect another Dormitory for boys which was built in 1925 consisting of a two-story building containing 16 rooms, and is known as the Boys Dormitory.

A modern dining room was erected in 1940 consisting of an adequate dining room, kitchen, storage rooms, office and reception room. The Superintendent's home is an old building but has been remodeled and is now a very adequate nine room building in which he and his family live.

There are several poultry houses, stock barn, dairy barn, shop, wash house, and several hog houses.

The capital outlay is more than $100,000. The people as a whole have been very nice to the Orphanage. They have always contributed very generously in the building and upkeep of the home.

The following have served as Superintendents of the home during the 23 years of operation, viz. Mr. L. B. Dunn, Elder L. H. Wetherington, Mr. C. G. Pope, Elder J. R. Bennett, Elder J. W. Alford, Elder M. E. Tyson, and Elder James A. Evans, now serving.

The following have served on the Board of Trustees, viz. Elder J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats, J. E. Davis, M. C. Prescott, and Mr. W. J. Braxton were the first Board of Trustees. Others are Elders J. C. Griffin, B. P. Parks, R. V. Self, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Moye, Mr. R. L. Little, W. A. Jackson, Wiley Lamn, D. W. Parker, H. C. Wood, Levi Hill, C. A. Fitzgerald, and Dr. M. Hinnant.

The Superintendent's Home

The following are the present

Board, viz. Mr. W. A. Jackson, Chairman, Elder J. C. Moye, Treasurer, Dr. M. Hinnant, Mr. Levi Hill, Mr. H. C.

ORPHANAGE BABY

Haywood Stevenson, the Orphanage Baby, and Kay Nell Evans, the Superintendent's Baby.

Wood, Elder James A. Evans, the Superintendent, also Secretary to the Board.

The Home was opened with only a very small number of children, but soon began to increase in number and in the year 1926 we cared for 84 children and in 1930 we reached 108, this being the greatest number in any one year. Last year we cared for 92.

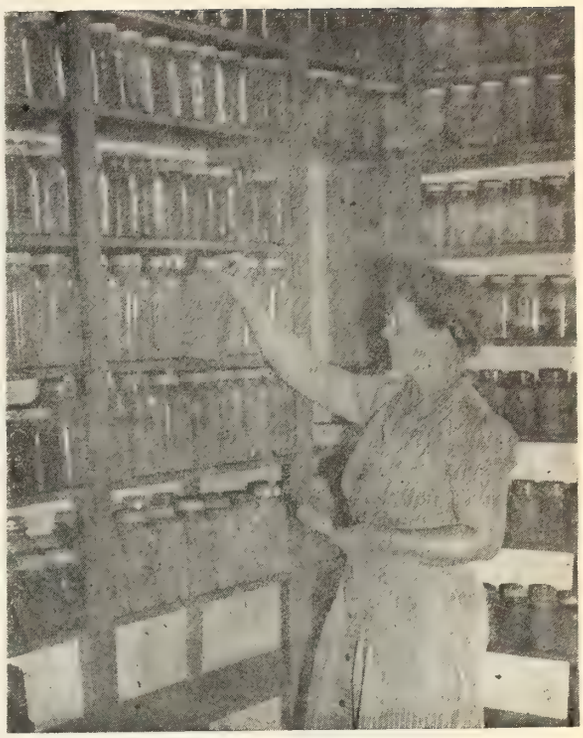
During the 23 years we have operated, we have cared for 308 children on an average of 8 to 15 years each. We take the children at the age of 3 to 12 years and keep them until they reach the age of 18 or the completion of High School and any other training that they might be able to receive.

It has been very encouraging to us to note the great improvement of the children after entering the home. The majority of these boys and girls have come from very poor homes that were destitute of the needed care and the proper environments of life and some have never known anything about a place they could call home.

In a very short time after entering the home, we have noted great improvements in the life and disposition of the child.

We have found in many of these boys and girls valuable talents that otherwise would never have been developed.

The children of this home after completing the course we have to offer, are filling important places in life. Some are preaching the Gospel, some are teachers and principals of the various schools of the State, some are bookkeepers, stenographers, nurses, clerks, some have married and established homes and have become leading citizens. We have sent many boys and girls out that today are rendering valuable service.



Scene in the Pantry with Mrs. C. G. Pope, Dietitian

Entire Group at Christmas with Santa Claus, and Mr. Page on the right and Mr. Lamm on the left of Milbourney Church

Our staff in the home consists of 12 persons who supervise and care for the children, operate the farm, dairy, etc. Our school work is all done in the State school which is located near by, and giving them a full High School course. The religious training is given in the home daily.

We have a Concert Class that we send to the various parts of the state (usually to the churches). It has been a great help in getting our people more interested in the Orphanage work, as well as having been a financial asset to the Home.

Our operating expenses have increased very rapidly. Last year, it cost $25,629.73 to maintain and operate the Home.

Our donations from the various churches, union meetings, conferences, and associations have been both liberal and regular.

We usually produce good feed and food crops on the farm. There is on the farm 75 to 100 head of hogs and pigs that produce a great portion of the meat and lard, 25 to 35 head of cattle, both dairy and beef type that furnish sufficient milk and a great

Orphanage Class—Fall and Winter

part of the beef used in the home. We also keep 1200 to 1500 chickens which furnish all the eggs and chickens needed in the home for eating purposes and also have quite a number to sell.

We operate the farm with a tractor and 4 work stock. We have a feed mill which is a great asset.

We are at this time creating a fund to build a chapel as soon as the war conditions will permit. We are investing the money in Series "F" War Bonds and at this time, we have received for this purpose, $3,394.89 in actual cash.

In conclusion we will set forth the operation of the home in terms of service rendered and cost per child per year. In 1942 we started out with 86 children, 16 orphans, 70 half-orphans (5 mother dead, 65 father dead). There were 44 boys and 42 girls. We had 6 children under 6 years of age, 27 from 6-12 years of age, and 53 from 12-18 years of age, and 6, 18 and over, giving us a total of 92 cared for during the year.

Physical Care of Children

Six children were given Tuberculin tests, 75 small-pox vaccinations, 75 typhoid vaccinations, 6 diphtheria, 6 wasserman tests, 5 vision tests, and 6 mental tests.

We had 57 children who had been in the Institution one year or longer who gained weight. There was one child who lost weight during that year. The boys' average gain was 10 pounds and the girls' 9 pounds.

Thirty-five children spent one day or more in bed on account of illness or detention in cases of suspected illness. We had the services of Duke Hospital and Carolina General Hospital for examinations. We had two tonsil operations. Through the State Dental department we had 68 children given dental care, having 43 teeth filled. Each child is provided with comb, brush, tooth brush, wash cloth, bath towel, face towel, sleeping garments and personal clothing.

The children consumed more than 7,000 gallons of fresh cows milk which was produced in our dairy.

The physical education and recreational program of our Institution is very limited because of work assignments and religious activities. We are hoping that in the near future, we may improve this phase of our work.

Library Facilities

We have the following volumes in library: Agriculture 36, Biography 45, Economics 9, Fiction 150, Geography and Travel 63, History 142, Home Economics 17, Literature 231, Religion 170, Science 101, Reference 67, Other 210, Totaling 1,041.

Religious Work

In regards to our Religious activities, we have Sunday School each Sunday morning and church services each First Sunday afternoon. When a visiting minister comes in during the week or any time, a service is held at that time. Prayer service is held in the boys and girls building daily and on Wednesday nights they assemble together in the chapel, for

Southwest Corner of Dining Hall, erected 1940-41

A Scene in the Poultry Department

their regular Wednesday night service.

Discipline

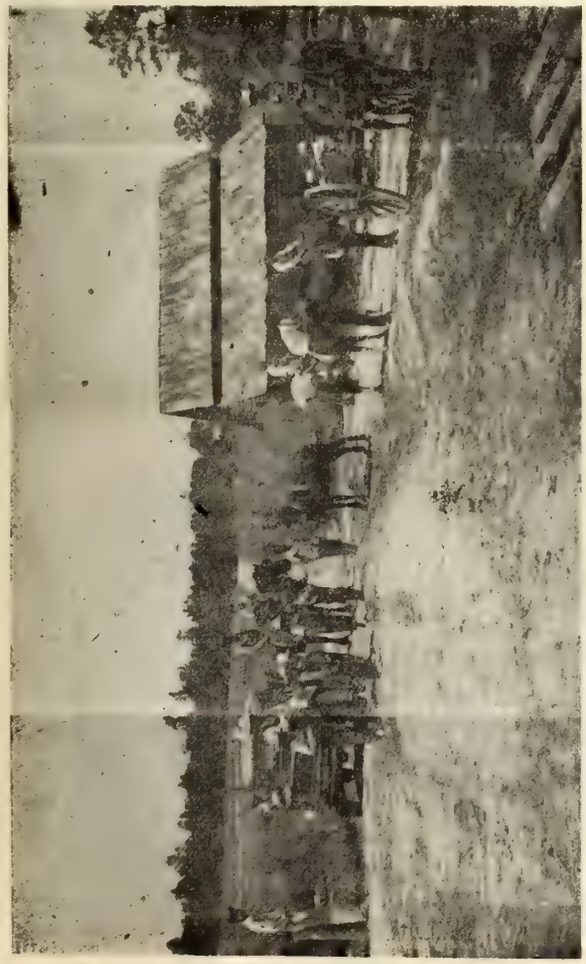
Corporal punishment is permitted in extreme cases by a staff member, it is safe-guarded in various ways. Reports are made to the Superintendent on the cause and type of punishment given. Care is taken to see that no real injury is done to child's body. We have a form of reward given to those who comply with rules of the Institution. They are known as "Children in good standing," and have extra privileges.

Social Service

A diagnosis of each applicant is made before admission by the Superintendent. We study the needs of the child before it is admitted in order to determine how we can best help it. We work with the other social agencies of the community for placing the children who can not be received through our Institution. There is an extensive study made in placing children who are ready to leave. We seek jobs, schools and other opportunities for them. As has been stated, our educational work is carried on through the State school system two miles from our campus.

Many of our children are now in the armed forces of our country. The Alumni Association and the Free Will Baptist Press through its weekly publication help to keep alive the friendship and welfare of our children throughout our Country.

The average operating expense per year for the past 5 years, was $21,826.00 and in 1942 $25,403.00. Cost per child per year, 5 year basis, was $260.72, and in 1942 cost per



A Scene of the Farm Crew, ready for afternoon work. The man on white horse is the Farm Manager, Mr. E. D. Massey

The Swine Department, with Porkers and two Brood Sows. Manager of the Department is Johnny Pittman

child $332.73. There was an increase of $72.01 per child over the average for 5 years before.

Baptist Church, Middlesex

The Orphanage is one of the outstanding achievements of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina. It is the practical expression of the heart and soul of Christianity as it reaches out over the state and gathers the precious human fragments from among the broken ruins of North Carolina Homes. One may point to the Orphanage and say, "There is Christianity at work." It is an investment in North Carolina boys and girls, it is an abiding opportunity for voluntary, individual and personal expression of a feeling and desire to help others. It will remain as long as needy children of our State are bereft of their homes.

W. A. Jackson, Chairman,
James A. Evans,
Secretary-Superintendent

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

This is the program of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina which is to be held in the town of Middlesex, in the Missionary Baptist Church, September 15th-17th, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

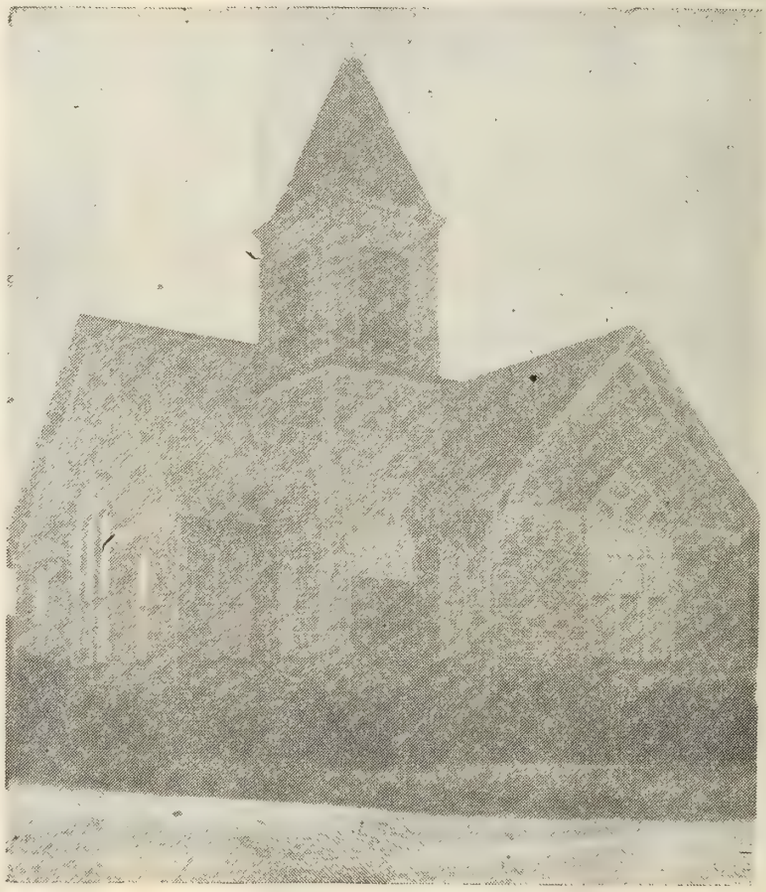
10:00—Devotional, Rev. J. F. Parish
—Report of Program Committee: Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Chairman
—Enrollment of Ministers and delegates
—Appointment of Committees
—Welcome address: Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent Free Will Baptist Orphanage, host Minister
—President's Message: Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:30—Worship and Praise
—Introductory Sermon: Rev. M. E. Tyson
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional, Rev. M. E. Godwin
—Recognition of visitors
—Report of Executive Committee
—Report from the National Association: Rev. L. R. Ennis
—Miscellaneous business
4:30—Adjournment

Evening

8:00—Worship and praise, led by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Missionary reports—
Home, Rev. W. K. Jordan
Foreign, Report and address, Rev. Chester Pelt



Methodist Church, Middlesex

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotional: Rev. M. A. Woodard
—Reports of organizations—
State League, by Rev. Clarence Bowen; Address, Mrs. Chester Pelt
Sunday School, by Raymond Sasser; Address, Rev. L. E. Ballard
Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. C. B. Thompson; Address, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
11:30—Worship and Praise
—Associational sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Worship and Praise by Rev. C. R. Biggs
—Reports—
Free Will Baptist Bible School, Nashville, Tenn., by Rev. J. R. Davidson
Address, Subject: "Trained Christian Workers," by Rev. L. R. Ennis
Free Will Baptist Press, C. K. Dunn, Sr.
Address, "Our Method of Distributing Christian Literature" by Rev. R. B. Spencer
Church Finance Association by Rev. L. H. Weatherington
Address, "Construction of Better Church Buildings" by Rev. M. L. Johnson
—Business session
4:30—Adjournment

Evening—Orphanage Session

8:00—Devotional by Rev. J. C. Moye
—Report of the Board, W. A. Jackson, Chairman
—Superintendent's message, Rev. J. A. Evans
—Musical Series by Orphanage Chorus
—Pictures of Orphanage and Bible School by Rev. J. C. Griffin

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotional by Rev. J. H. Worley
—Reports—
Superannuation by Rev. M. L. Johnson
Address, "The Superannuated Minister" by Rev. Clarence Bowen
Temperance by the Chairman (appointed)
Address by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
Resolution Committee
Finance
Treasurer's, Rom W. Mallard
Appointment of delegates
Election of Officers
Memorial Service, Mrs. J. C. Moye
Adjournment
Lunch

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

Since you read my last Jots and Dots, I have been very busy. Since the rush has eased off a bit on the farm, I will endeavor to try to write more regularly.

Your scribe attended the union at Ayden, N. C., August 28, and enjoyed the fellowship of lots of old friends that I had not seen for a long time. Especially did I enjoy the sermon by Rev. H. Edgar Harden. I thank the Lord for calling such men as he to the ministry. After the union was dismissed, Rev. Harden and Rev. W. E. Dowdy and I were taken through our printing house. It was the first time I had seen our new plant since it was moved from across the street. As I viewed the different departments, I was made to wonder why it is that some of our people (the Free Will Baptist) choose to use other literature, such as Sunday School supplies, and Hymn books from other publishing houses. We should know that if we don't patronize our own publishing house, how can we expect other people to? For example, could you imagine a brick mason going out to hire another mason to underpin his house or run a chimney. Brethren, let us patronize our own business and help it to grow to such an extent that it will be able to compete with any other business concern of like nature.

I am sending a report of our revival meeting at Piney Grove, so I will make Jots and Dots short. Perhaps the editor may run both of my articles in this issue.

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PINEY GROVE REVIVAL

On August 20th, Rev. S. A. Smith began our revival, Rev. D. W. Alexander was with us that night and conducted the devotional service. He was also with us two or three more nights during the meeting. On August 26th and 27th, Revs. H. Edgar Harden and W. E. Dowdy of Norfolk, Va., were with us. Rev. Harden has recently joined the Free Will Baptist church at Corinth, Martin County. He has been an ordained minister of the Christian Church in Virginia for the last six or seven years, but recently decided to cast his lot with us. Rev. Harden, as well as being a No. 1 preacher, is a very good singer, so he was invited to bring us a message in song the two nights he was with us. Rev. L. E. Ballard, who is to serve us as pastor next year, was with us on August 27th, so we had plenty of preachers during the meeting. Although Bro. Smith did the preaching each night it did us good to have the other ministers visit us.

The sad part about it was there was only one addition, a young lady came into the fold by profession of faith, and will be baptized September 19th. There were others under conviction, but they would not yield to the wooings of the Spirit.

Brother Smith delivered some very able sermons during the meeting. So we feel that his skirts are clear. The responsibility rests on the ones who turned a deaf ear to the Gospel invitation.

The meeting came to a close Saturday night, 28th, and Brother Smith returned home for a day or two of rest, then he goes to other fields to warn sinners to flee from the wrath to come. I know it is very discouraging for a man to preach hard for a week and only get one convert, but we should consider how long Noah preached and got no converts, except his wife, his three sons and their wives. We are yet praying that the seed Brother Smith sowed will come forth and bear fruit.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus to the Baptist readers everywhere! How time does get away! It seems but a few days since we said goodbye to our parting friends at the National Association, and now here it is almost fall season upon us.

After reading the last copy of the Baptist paper, we were reminded that we all needed to get busy. Since leaving the National Association, we have visited some churches in Texas, and we are now in Oklahoma. We are planning to go over into Missouri in a few days. We visited only a few churches in Texas, as the gas situation was serious here, and many of the churches were far apart. We are planning to visit them at a later date.

After attending such a wonderful Auxiliary Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, we feel that our good women should go forward with a greater vision of the work than ever before, and much of the success will depend upon the State Field workers and local presidents. We are so happy to know that our women are going to help equip the Bible School in Cuba. I am glad that we are planning to support three native workers in that country. These are certainly good things to look forward to in our auxiliary work.

Now, we have something real fine to tell you this morning concerning the training of one of the fine workers from Kinston, North Carolina, Sister E. W. Beane, who is now planning to attend the Bible School in Nashville. I met her while I was in Kinston last spring. She had been doing a wonderful work with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church before the meeting, and had been conducting prayer meetings, and assisting in a radio program which was a great blessing to our people. When I was there she came to me and requested to know much about the Doctrine of our church. I gave her a copy of our Treatise, and explained to her our full program. The result was that she took membership with our church there the last night of the meeting, and began to make plans for entering Christian work. She is now convinced fully that she is called to preach the gospel and to do mission work. She is thoroughly satisfied that God wants her to enter our Bible School in September. Sister Beane will have our assistance, as auxiliary workers, and I am asking our "hundreds of auxiliaries" to send a small donation for this purpose. I think a very good thing to do would be to send your donation, or offering to Sister Polston, as several states may want to help in this matter. Then, too, Sister Polston will be in Nashville where she can contact Sister Beane in a few minutes of time. If anyone should desire to send her a personal gift, just address Mrs. E. W. Beane, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. We highly recommend Sister Beane as a devoted and consecrated woman of God. You need not be afraid to give in her interest. We hope that the local presidents will give this their early attention. Only 45 to 50 auxiliaries sending $1.00 each to her per month would more than do the work.

Now, may God bless each one that reads these lines, and are asking your special prayers for us this year that we may do a greater work for the Master. Still we cannot get sufficient gas and tires to travel in our car, and we have to travel by train and bus.

Just one more thing, dear women of the Auxiliaries, Mr. McAdams has made a "New Jehoiada Chest," which is beautiful. It is a little chest style, not so large as the old one. It has a slot in the lid for the money to be inserted in it. He will be very glad to assist anyone who should desire these little chests. The new chests will be $1.50, since they have required a great deal more work to make them. Let us do more for missions this year than ever before.

My address is still Huntsville, Texas, Box 43.

Lizzie McAdams

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AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention will meet at Union Chapel, Chocowinity, N. C., Thursday, September 23rd. There are about forty-six organizations in the district, that should be preparing to represent in this meeting, and to come praying that our Father in heaven will help us to be more earnest in our efforts to carry out His great Commission of "Go ye."

The Program for the Convention has been sent to the Press, and it is the desire of the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, that each woman who is a subscriber to the Free Will Baptist paper, take care of the issue in which the program appears and bring it to the Convention, as there will be no programs printed, other than the one appearing in the Baptist.

We believe the program, as it has been arranged, will meet the approval of our women, as we are all vitally interested and deeply concerned with the evils of alcoholics, and we are to have a Temperance program for the occasion, one which we hope will stimulate action in a progressive manner among us.

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As will doubtless be recalled, I was elected Field Worker for the district at our last Convention. Since I have not had any calls to go to any church to organize, or to help to build up, or conduct any kind of work, I hope this does not mean that our women have been idle, but that we have been on the alert for opportunities to extend the kingdom work of the Master in every possible way.

If there has been a new organization since the last Convention, I will appreciate a report, giving name of church, number of members and the names of the officers, as early as possible, and also am asking that it or

they be represented in the coming Convention.

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The report blanks have been mailed out to each auxiliary, and I am calling attention to the urgency of each local vice-president making out their report and sending it right away to their respective District Vice-President. Many of these have been sent to the secretary in the past, which has caused quite a bit of extra and unnecessary work, while it deprived the District Vice-Presidents of being able to present full reports, so I hope each local officer will understand, and co-operate in this respect.

I am giving names of officers of the district, in order to refresh your memories:

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President, 240 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President, (Publications), Deep Run, N. C.

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, 2nd Vice-President, (C. Education), Clarks, N. C.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes, 3rd Vice-President, (Missions), Cash Corner, N. C.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, 4th Vice-President, (Stewardship), Davis, N. C.

Mrs. Ruby Stilley, 5th Vice-President, (Orphanage), New Bern, N. C.

Mrs. Ed Smith, 6th Vice-President, (Retired Ministers), 140 Pollock St., New Bern, N .C.

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer, Cash Corner, N. C.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary,
78 1-2 New Street,
New Bern, North Carolina

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TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT

This is a second appeal to our auxiliaries to help in financing the furnishing of a room in our National Bible School. We have promised to raise $105.00, and have raised only $68.00. It is nearing the time for the opening of the fall session and we wanted to send our whole amount in by that time. We have fallen short of our goal.

I appeal especially to the Auxiliaries that haven't responded. Please send your five dollars immediately. To the ones that have already given, we would appreciate any additional amount so that we might complete our gift. Mail your donations directly to me.

2nd Vice-President,
Western District,
Mrs. Oliver Smith,
Route 1,
Pikeville, North Carolina

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Eastern Auxiliary Convention to be held September 23, 1943, at Union Chapel, Chocowinity, N. C.

Theme: Alcoholic Beverages, the Greatest Curse to Mankind; "The Great Commission—Our Commission"

A Temperance Program

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions conducted by Mrs. Pearl Alligood, Davis, N. C.
—Greetings by Mrs. Mary Dixon of local church
—Response by Mrs. H. D. Potter of Cash Corner, N. C.
10:00—President's message
—Registration
—Reading minutes
—Appointment of committees
10:45—Report of Field Worker, followed by reports from First, Fourth and Sixth Vice-Presidents
11:15—Congregational singing
—A Temperance Program sponsored by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Bridgeton, N. C.
12:00—Recess

1:00—Praise and Prayer service by Mrs. Marie Gaskins, New Bern, N. C.
—Business session
—Reports of delegates attending other Conventions
—Report of Fifth Vice-President
—News from the Orphanage, Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent
—Report of Third Vice-President
2:00—A message on Christian Education by the Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, in connection with her report
—Report of Secretary
—News from the National Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
—Reports of Committees
—Treasurer's report
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

MINISTER DESIROUS OF PASTORING CHURCHES

The Reverend R. H. Mason, of Ayden, North Carolina, is greatly desirous of pastoring churches during the coming year on the First, Third and Fourth Sundays. He is deeply interested in preaching the gospel for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.

Brother Mason is a World War veteran, and having been wounded in battle, he is not physically able to go out and do hard manual labor. He has, moreover, a family to support, and the limited income which he is receiving is insufficient to enable him to make ends meet satisfactorily. Some church work would, therefore, be of some material advantage to him and his family.

He is worthy of the consideration of any church that might secure him as their pastor for the coming year. He has a car and can meet his appointments as other ministers, and be of worthwhile service to the church people. Churches that are in need of pastors for the coming year can correspond with him by addressing their communications to him at Ayden, North Carolina.

We have written this announcement for Brother Mason, because we know him well, his needs, and his great desire to preach the Word of God to lost souls. Whatever consideration any church may give him, the writer will be gratified, and Brother Mason will greatly appreciate the opportunity of service in the name of the Master.—R. B. Spencer, Editor.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

THE SIN OF MOSES AND AARON

(Lesson for September 19)

Lesson: Numbers 20: 1-13, 27, 28. Read Numbers 20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Be ye angry, and sin not" (Eph. 4: 26).

The emotion called anger was not unknown in the life and ministry of our Lord. When He saw the cheap graft of the money-changers making a mock of His Father's house of worship and prayer, deep anger stirred within His breast. Hastily constructing a stout whip of slender ropes, Jesus assailed the robbers with such vigor and effect that they fled from the Temple, and from the presence of His just wrath.

There are times when anger is a commendable thing. For four years the people of America shook their heads in sympathy over the sad sufferings of our Chinese friends, who died in droves under the assault of Japanese bombs. We all agreed that such brutal mass murder should be stopped and the perpetrators punished; but as long as it was the **Chinese** who suffered we were only emotionally concerned. But one morning the Japanese unloaded their bombs on **us**, and our men died! What a world of difference that made. Anger swept over the nation, and we rolled up our sleeves to stop such outrages, and to make it impossible for such assaults to be continued against other people. If Japan had not aroused our **anger** she could probably have continued to murder half the world, and we would have resigned ourselves to watch.

How different all this is from sinful wrath, such as activated the murderer, Cain. Because his **thank** offering was rejected by a just God, and his brother's **sin** offering was accepted, his anger was kindled to personal revenge. Like all who reject the direct revelations made by God, Cain was self-centered, and completely satisfied with his own philosophy and conception of a man's duty to God! Being deeply offended by the simple obedience of his brother, he allowed his anger to dictate vengeance, and murder was the result.

In fact, most murders spring out of an offended ego, and are based upon the desire to "get even" with the presumed offender. It is impossible to be angry over selfish and personal reasons, and **not** sin in either thought or deed. So the anger advocated by the Golden Text is that which springs out of the wrongs done to others, and out of a desire to defend those who are weak and oppressed.

When we are angry at the ravages of sin and the hellishness of wicked men, we should be extra careful not to act until God says what we should do. If we fail to obey God, we shall find ourselves in the class with Moses and Aaron in this lesson.

II. The Heart of the Lesson

Those who studied last week's lesson will recall that it was concerning the early events in the desert experiences of the children of Israel, while they were on their way from Sinai to Kadesh-barnea. Our lesson for today tells of the events which occurred about thirty-eight years later, which was near the close of Israel's wanderings.

The wilderness of Zin was, it is thought, that stretch of country located immediately below the Dead Sea, and extended southward to the Gulf of Akabah, whose water flows into the Red Sea.

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The Introduction in our **Senior Quarterly** brings out one important fact about the forty years in the wilderness.

A Cure for Grumbling
(Psalm 103: 1-3)

The season had been dry. In the flaming sunshine, in the parched air of the stifling heat of the narrow valleys, the cattle were gasping, and many dying for lack of water. The children were crying in vain. Nothing is more terrible to endure, nothing more fitted to make strong men weep, or turn them into savage critics of their leader and of Providence, than to see their children in the extremity of want which they cannot relieve. After all the discipline of the wilderness journey, it seemed that the new generation was similar to that one which had died, still a horde of ungrateful and rebellious souls.

Lessons from the Sin of Moses

This sin of Moses and Aaron was not a premiditated sin, thought out before, and carried out according to plan. Such an idea is unthinkable; Moses and Aaron would have recoiled in horror if such a suggestion had been made to them. The sin was committed on the impulse of the moment. Evidently the real root of this sin was pride. Moses was nettled because the people had blamed him for their predicament. And when he came before them the hurt to his pride had produced anger, and his anger had obscured his vision and warped his understanding (Ps. 106: 32, 33). Moses was not the first nor the last to have been overcome in this way. So common is this failing that it has become proverbial. "A man's pride shall bring him low" (Prov. 29: 23). "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (16: 18). A Christian worker who comes in contact with many people in his ministry has need to put his pride in his pocket, else he will get it hurt. The Israelites were not the only people who were murmurers, contentious, ungrateful, and who tried the souls of their leaders. This state always exists.

The sin of Moses was aggravated by the fact that it was done publicly. On a former occasion Moses had shown unbelief at the promises of God (Num. 11: 21, 22). But it was done privately, and God forgave him. But this sin was open, and therefore it had to have a just recompense. And the sin was committed by a public leader, the highest. If therefore the common people were disciplined

for their unbelief, much more must the well-instructed leader be.

There is a lesson here in the grace and the government of God. God's grace forgave Moses and Aaron their sin on their repentance and confession. But God's government was shown in that they were not permitted to lead the people into the land. Sin may be forgiven, but its consequences remain.

FOURTH UNION

The Union of the Fourth District of the Central Conference met with Friendship Church, Greene County, August 28, 1943.

The devotional was led by Rev. Marshal Joyner, and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison by the congregation.

We invited all visiting Brothers and Sisters to have seats with us.

Committees Appointed

Finance: J. E. Craft, Benj. Dilda, J. W. Barnes.

Sabbath School: Rev. N. D. Beaman, J. P. Killebrew and wife.

Orphanage: Rev. M. Joyner, J. E. Edmundson, L. H. Whitley.

Temperance: Barney Kirby, Sisters Williams, Hill, and J. F. Owens.

Program: Sisters Grant, Dilda, Joyner.

Rev. Hart who was to preach the introductory sermon was not present on account of illness of his wife. Rev. N. D. Beaman brought us the message of the hour. His text was taken from Romans 6: 12.

List of Churches as follows

Antioch: Barney Kirby, J. E. Edmundson, $2.00.

Walnut Creek: Lesley Rollins, $2.00.

Watery Branch: Sister J. S. Jones and daughter, $2.50.

Free Union: W. M. Hardison, $5.00.

Friendship: Carl Tyson, Clyde Cobb, $3.00.

Harrell's Chapel: Herman Radford, John Corbett, $2.10.

Spring Branch: J. E. and J. T. Craft, $5.00.

Saratoga: L. H. Whitley, Jimmy Owens, $2.00.

Aspin Grove: J. P. Killebrew and wife, $1.00.

Owens Chapel. Not represented.

Daniels Chapel: H. E. Jomp, Jesse Baker, Jr., $4.00.

Ottis Creek, Sam Crist, $2.00.

Edgewood: Fred Whitley and wife, $4.00.

Dilda Grove: Benj. Dilda and wife, $1.50.

LaGrange: Mrs. Ada Measley, Mrs. H. Williams, $3.00.

Howell Swamp: E. S. Gay, Carl Cobb, $2.00.

Riverside: Not represented.

Little Creek, Va.: J. W. Barnes and wife, $3.00.

List of Ministers

Present: L. B. Manning, N. D. Beaman, J. W. Wooten, C. D. Hamilton, W. E. Richardson, Marshal Joyner.

Absent: W. L. Hart, P. C. Wiggs, E. L. Abrams, H. T. Sowers, M. E. Tyson, Dewey Tyson, R. C. Proctor.

Afternoon

Devotional led by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. Richardson. On motion the Finance Committee retire and settle with the Treasurer, and he make his report. Treasurer's report on hand from last Union, nothing.

Received at this union	$44.10
Paid Clerk and P. Press	6.00
Donated to Orphan child for clothing	20.00
Donated to the Orphanage	10.00
Balance in Treasury	$7.77
Received for Christian Education—Paid to J. E. Edmundson	$10.50
Received for Orphanage—Paid to J. A. Evans	5.25
Received for Home Missions—Paid to Barney Kirby, for Baker Treas.	4.00
Retired Ministers—Paid to C. D. Hamilton	2.00
For Foreign Missions—Paid to Chester Pelt	1.00

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $19.75.

The next union will convene with Free Union Church, Greene County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. Rev. Manning is to preach. A motion was carried to send $20.00 for orphan clothing, and that we donate to the Orphanage $10.00.

Christian Education Committee reports full support of the former resolutions and support the cause wholeheartedly which was given by Rev. Hamilton.

Rev. Marshal Joyner was elected Moderator and W. L. Hart, assistant. R. R. Bailey was elected Clerk and Treasurer. It was moved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Friendship Church for their generous hospitality shown us during the sitting of this Union. It was moved that we close until next time in course. Prayer was offered by Rev. Richardson.

Rev. C. D. Hamilton.
Moderator,
R. R. Bailey,
Clerk and Treasurer

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago, Illinois, and his brother, Rev. R. P. Harris, of Enfield, North Carolina, organized a Sunday School at Corinth Church during the week of our revival, which was held in August. Before our church services on Sunday morning, August 22, they set up the organization. The officers are as follows: Hosea Fagan, superintendent; Belva Rae Davis, secretary; Mrs. Hosea Davis, Mrs. Frances Hayes, and Mrs. C. G. Gurkin were elected as teachers of the different classes.

We are sending to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, for sample copies of Sunday School literature.

Miss Belva Rae Davis,
Jamesville, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 49

Boys and Girls Corner

LINCOLN LOST A WHETSTONE

By Emily P. Bissell

The story is told of Lincoln that in 1834, when he was a candidate for the Illinois legislature, he went to a certain farmer to ask for his support. The farmer was in the hayfield, and while they were talking, the dinner bell sounded.

Lincoln was invited to stay for dinner, but politely declined. He said, smiling:

"If you will let me have your scythe while you are gone I will mow round the field for you a couple of times."

He was as good as his word. When the farmer came back, Lincoln was gone, but three rows were neatly mowed, and the scythe lay against the gatepost.

Nearly thirty years afterward the farmer and his wife were in Washington while Lincoln was President, and went to the White House to a public reception. They stood waiting in line to shake hands with him, but the farmer had no idea that Lincoln would recognize him, as they had never met since the day in the hayfield.

But Abraham Lincoln's memory was a marvelous one. He recognized the farmer far off in the waiting line, called an aide, and told him to take the old couple into one of the small parlors, where he could see them after the hand-shaking was over. After a while he came in and greeted them warmly, calling the farmer by name.

"Do you mean to say," the farmer exclaimed, "that you remember me after all these years?"

"I certainly do," replied Lincoln, and went on to recall how he had mowed round the field with the scythe.

"Yes, that's so," said the old man, astonished. "I found the field mowed, and the scythe leaning against the gatepost. But I always wanted to know one thing."

"What is it?" asked the President.

"I always wanted to ask you, Mr. President, what you did with the whetstone."

Lincoln smoothed back his hair with a characteristic gesture, and bent his brows in thought.

"Yes, I remember now," he said, "I put that whetstone on top of the high gatepost."

When he got back to Illinois the farmer looked on top of the high gatepost. There lay the whetstone, where it had lain for thirty years.—Youth's World.

—In N. C. Christian Advocate

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

Rationing of Preachers

On being asked about the Union Meeting in a certain district, a lady replied, "Not so much, the preachers were rationed." She meant that there were but few preachers at the Union. I wonder who rationed the preachers, God? or the devil? Is it a fact that God has ceased to call men to preach the Gospel? Or is it a fact that persons called have refused to take the call to heart and yield to the voice of God? And again, Is it a fact that those who have been called have let themselves down by not "laying aside every weight" that would hinder one from "presenting his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God?" Something is radically in the way. Churches are going without pastors, and preachers without churches. Ministers, real God-Called preachers, every one of us will do well to consider these questions in the light of the Gospel of Christ and see where the trouble lies. I cannot believe that it is God's fault. I know that it is not God's fault.

Some Things in the Way

I believe that if God calls a man to preach, He calls that man to prepare himself to do God's work. Jesus said, "Search the scriptures" (John 5: 39). Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2: 15). A great many of we preachers have failed to heed the instruction given by Jesus and by the apostle Paul. A great number have thought that "God would fill their mouth with words, without a thought upon their part, just get ordained; go out and tell the message." God has never promised to fill the preacher with the message, only as the preacher met the conditions as given by the Lord. When we meet God's commandments then God does the rest. Now, if you happen to be in this class, who have relied upon God to fill your mouth without meeting God's command, "Search the scriptures" and "Study to shew thyself approved unto God," do not blame God nor man for your failure, and you need not get mad with me for telling you the truth. It is a fact that a great number of us have been denied the opportunity to attend seminaries and colleges or Bible schools, perhaps, that is no fault of ours, perhaps it is. Perhaps some of us were not willing to make the sacrifice—pay the price, when honestly we could have, if we had turned it all over to God, and "presented our body a living sacrifice unto God."

Another reason too, many of us, even after getting some literary training, and made a good start, have tied ourselves to the material things to the extent that we have been tied, loaded down with things that have robbed us of doing our best for the Gospel of our Christ. So, many have let business, daily vocations, work that have tied us six days to the week to secular jobs, get in the way, and, therefore, we have lost the blessing of bringing forth fruit, and we have withered. Christ said, "Every branch in me, that bringeth forth fruit, I will purge it that it may bring forth more fruit." Because we have failed in bringing forth the fruit that we might have brought forth, many are "withered."

Another reason, there is not much money in preaching for the average preacher. A few, in all denominations get big salaries, perhaps, but the average layman makes a great deal more than the average pastor. Therefore, the preacher's family wants things like other folks, and the preacher is urged out into these vocations in order to supply the de-

sires of his family.

How To Have Evangelists and Pastors

There is a way out of this dilemma, but many have refused to take the way out, even though some have pointed this way out, by the word of God for decades. Here it is:

First, Ministers must cut loose from WORLDLINESS and lay their "ALL ON THE ALTAR."

Second, The church must "Bring its tithes and offerings" and lay them on the ALTAR, as A WORSHIP OFFERING UNTO THE LORD.

Third, The one who is called to preach the Gospel must realize that God, who calls, says, "Prepare thyself for thy calling."

Fourth, In paying our tithe, and giving our offerings, there must be a sufficient sum set aside to pay the pastor and evangelist an honorable living, so that there will be no worry about debts.

Fifth, Such a CONSECRATION on the part of the minister that he will not want to live better than the average person who makes up his congregation.

Sixth, A Church membership filled with the Holy Spirit; one that is cut loose from every form of worldliness. A membership that loves the midweek prayer meeting better than the theater and other worldly objects.

Seventh, A membership of "Born Again," spirit-filled men and women, who will not be everlastingly criticizing the weak and stumbling before their children, telling of the faults of the pastor and the "hardness" of trying to live right; but, instead of looking at the faults and magnifying the same, will lift up the Lord Jesus and magnify Him to the extent that there will be a FAMILY ALTAR IN EVERY HOME. Then, "preachers will not be rationed."

The Last Word About the State Association

We have endeavored to keep before our people the work of the State Association of North Carolina. Being the Field Secretary, we have felt duty bound to keep the Six-point Program for North Carolina before every one, as far as possible. God has blessed in a great way and these objects have been supported by a great many of our churches and their pastors. We are grateful for the cooperation of our brethren who have stood by and worked to carry the program to a success. May God bless you every one.

Now we hope to see you, the Lord's will at Middlesex the 15th-17th. May we go for the extension of the Gospel of Christ, with a prayer proceeding from our hearts for the greatest and most glorious fellowship ever known among us. God is able, are we willing?

PROGRAM

Ninth Annual Session of Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association to be held with Priceville Church, September 23-24, 1943.

Thursday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. W. O. Knight
10:15—Welcome by Rev. J. M. Haas
10:20—Response by Rev. W. H. Fondren
10:25—Organization — Delegation
11:00—Recess
11:10—Song Service by Congregation
11:20—Introductory Sermon by Rev. G. C. Lee
12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Mrs. Roy Post
1:15—Business Session — Delegation
(a) Committee appointments by Moderator
(b) Ministers' Reports
(c) Appt. Ordaining Council by Moderator
2:30—Recess
2:45—Committee Reports:
(a) Temperance
(b) Ladies Aid
(c) League
(d) Sunday School
(e) Resolution
4:30—Assignment of Homes
4:45—Adjournment

Thursday Evening

7:30—Song Service
7:45—Devotions by Bro. D. Hollis
8:00—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tenn.
9:00—Ordination by the Ordaining Council

Friday Morning

9:00—Devotions by Rev. D. M. Smitherman
9:15—Business Session
Committee Reports:
(a) Christian Education
(b) Finance
(c) Obituary
10:45—Appt. Corresponding Delegates by Moderator
11:00—Recess
11:15—Sermon by Rev. M. E. Carpenter
12:00—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Rev. E. A. Lewis
1:15—Final Business Session
(a) Treasurer's Report
(b) Miscellaneous Reports
(c) Election of officers and host for 1944
(d) Announcements
2:15—Memorial Service by Rev. George Lee
—Adjournment

Bro. Prude will have charge of the song services during session.

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And yet no answer heard,
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God might not keep His word?
Seems prayer to fall on deafened ears?
Does Heaven seem blind and dumb?
Is hope deferred? Believe—believe—
The answer time will come!

"Ask what ye will"—His word is true,
His power is all divine;
Ye cannot test His love too far;
His utmost shall be thine.
God does not mock believing prayer;
Ye shall not go unfed!
He gives no serpent for a fish,
Nor gives He stones for bread.

Thy inmost longings may be told;
The hopes that turned to shame,
The empty life, the thwarted plans;
The good that never came.
Say not, "Thy promise is not mine,
God did not hear me pray;
I prayed—I trusted fully—but
The grave hath barred the way."

God heard thee—He hath not forgot,
Faith shall at length prevail!
Yea—know it! Not one smallest jot
Of all His word can fail.
For if ye truly have believed,
Not vain hath been thy prayer!
As God is true, thy hope shall come—
Sometime, someway, somewhere.

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JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

I would like to make a few remarks concerning the sin, or sins, of omission. Get your Bible and read St. Luke 16 from the 19th verse to the end of the chapter. Some of us may have decided that we have to do some very bad crime to get sent to hell. If you will pay good heed to the reading of verse 21, you will find the only sin that the rich man is charged with is the sin of omission. He simply omitted his duty to administer to the needs of one of his fellowmen. I wonder sometimes if a lot of our so-called Christians are not guilty of sins of omission. "Bear ye one another's burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ," says the Scripture.

How often we see a few of the faithful bearing the burden of keeping the church building and yard in a tidy condition, and also only a few bearing the financial obligations of the church, while a part of the drones appear to be at ease in Zion. I forget just where you can find this quotation, but the Scripture says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" (the Church). All Church members made a vow or promise to the church and the Lord when they united with the church, and when they break those vows they become sinners by omission.

They may do just enough toward the church to be what the Scriptures term lukewarm. But let us read Rev. 3: 16 and find out what a lukewarm Christian causes the Lord to do (vomit). Now luke warm Christians will omit some of their duties toward the church, so don't fool yourself with the idea that the Lord will let you in his kingdom, if He turned the rich man out for omission. So will he do unto you, for God has no pets, and some day you may beg for just one drop of water to cool your tongue, and there will no water be given to you. Won't that be sad?—Amen.

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EDITORIAL

AUXILIARIES TO MEET—

The Women's Auxiliary of the Eastern North Carolina Conference is to meet on September 23, 1943, at Union Chapel, in Beaufort County, and not far from Chocowinity.

The women are looking forward to holding a great convention this time at this fine church. They are expecting to have a large attendance, and to transact vital matters pertaining to the growth and expansion of the Women's work within the bounds of the conference.

Many of the ministers of the eastern part of the State will attend, it is expected, and offer whatever encouragement and support that may be asked of them in this convention. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds, and everyone will be invited to partake of the good things for bodily comforts.

The Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Reedy Branch Church in Pitt County on September 29, 1943. This, also, is to be a great meeting of the women in their work of the church. Reedy Branch is located a short distance from the town of Winterville, and is in a fine community. A large representation is expected to attend this meeting on that date. The women of this district are planning to have a grand convention, and to launch some progressive movements for the advancement of their auxiliary within the bounds of their conference.

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LITERATURE READY—

The Fourth Quarter Sunday School and League literature is now ready for shipment to anyone who will send in orders for the same at anytime. In fact large numbers of orders have already come in during the last few days. We should like to advise all Sunday Schools and Leagues to not delay sending in their orders right away, and take the advantage of being sure of having their literature on hand before the last quarter of the year begins.

While we have a large quantity of these supplies on hand now, it may be that we will run out of them before all Sunday Schools and Leagues have been fully supplied, as was the case some months ago. However, we have increased our publications some in numbers so as to be able to fill all orders that may be sent to us for the last quarter of this year. On the other hand, we may have to reprint some for last-order calls. But we shall not reprint any unless it is shown to be necessary, therefore, we are asking all Sunday School and League secretaries to get their orders to us as early as possible.

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NEEDED—

We are in need of original sermons, religious poems, Bible stories, and the like for publication in the Baptist paper, as new and interesting reading for the readers of the paper. Anyone, who is gifted in writing any of these types of religious literature, is requested to exercise his or her talents in these fields of endeavor, and to submit to us their articles for inspection and approval as choice material for our church paper.

Short prose articles are preferable for sermons and religious essays. Original Bible stories, written in good form, are of great value for the Boys and Girls Corner in the Baptist papaper. Quite a large number of boys and girls are greatly interested in being able to read each week fine religious stories in their church paper. They should be sent in typewritten and double spaced between the lines for the typesetter to be able to set the stories without difficulty.

All new compositions, well composed and bearing splendid religious thought, will greatly interest the readers of the Baptist paper, and mean much to the circulation of the paper as a whole. Writers of such literature will be doing great good for the cause of the church, and at the same time stimulate greater interest, on the part of many more people, in the church paper, and be influential in enlarging the circulation.

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PLANNING FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR—

In the State of North Carolina, most Free Will Baptist churches begin their new year with the beginning of the month of November. Some will have new pastors, while others will retain their old pastors. At the beginning, it is the time for the laying of plans, the mapping out of programs for the year's work, and the launching of church budgets for the care of the church program for the ensuing year. Some churches are becoming more and more progressive all the while, and want to render adequate financial support to all of the outstanding phases of the denominational work.

In these times of stress and great changes in the affairs of the people, all churches should, we believe, put on a progressive program, and work zealously toward the attainment of the highest success possible. All pastors and church officials should, in these critical times, put the church first in thought and in the services in the community, and strive to strengthen every phase of the work for the glory of God. Certainly, there is no time for slothfulness, division, inactivity and neglect of the work of the church. On the other hand, interest and effort, when put forth for the cause of righteousness and the salvation of lost souls, good results will be achieved and joy will come to the hearts of those who took an active part in the spiritual endeavors of the church.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm contantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. Tit. 3: 8.

New F. W. B. Minister

OBJECTIVES WON THROUGH HARD WORK, THE REV. H. E. HARDEN SAYS

Rev. H. Edgar Harden

"Persons will seldom fall short of their objectives in life if they work hard enough."

As one whose desire to continue in kingdom service has led him to take courses by mail and to work each week day in Norfolk, the Rev. H. E. Harden, is speaking from the pages of his own life. Mr. Harden, an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, is at present in charge of the Church of Christ, Disciples congregation which is worshipping in Brambleton.

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"I am convinced that I was led to come to Norfolk. If I had not come here I would not have had the opportunity for service which has come to me in Brambleton, first through the formation of the Church of Christ and later the organization of the church that is to be a part of the Disciples denomination. For, I see now that the Lord was leading me through those years of restlessness to a place where I might be of service in the kingdom.

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"Do I find it tiresome, working through the week and preaching on Sunday? I should say not. I account it a privilege to speak as best I can for the Lord. For he has done so much for me. And what has been true in my life can be true in the lives of those who put their trust in Him and are not afraid of some hard work that they might prepare themselves for service in the vineyard of the Christ."

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Native of Bertie County

Life for Mr. Harden began on a farm in Bertie County, North Carolina, in 1903. In those early days his time was taken up with doing the chores and with getting an education from the graded schools of the county and later in a high school.

—In Norfolk Paper

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
N. C. State Association

The Adversary

Peter, writing to Christians, says, "Your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5: 9).

The Devil is the old destroyer. He has touched the whole of the earth. Long before man was created, he struck at, the throne of God, and said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars." Because of his lust for power, there was "war in heaven" and God cast him down to the earth. John, the Revelator, says, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12: 7-9).

The Devil's Work on the Earth

The Devil, the old destroyer, has placed his hand on God's creation. He touched Adam and Eve and their love for God turned to fear. They "hid themselves." They died that very moment, spiritually, from the love and fellowship of their Creator. Therefore, all have sinned because of the Devil's touch. He touched everything created and death followed. He touched the flowers and they withered; he touched the fruit and the sweetness turned to rotteness; he touched the beast of the forest and they became wild and ravenous, the larger ones devouring the smaller; he touched the reptiles and they were filled with poison; he touched the herbs and they became thornes and thistles.

He touches the heart of the husband, or the wife, sometimes both, and the home where peace and love abounds becomes a home of jealousy and strife, often resulting in divorce. He motivates lust, adultery, greed, backbitings, slander, wastfulness, hpyocricy, theft, and every known sin, whenever and wherever he touches. Peter says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5: 8). The Devil knows his business. Also he knows the weakness of man. He knows where to strike. He walketh and as he walks, he is everlastingly seeking to get human beings to walk with him. Yes, there is a Devil, the enemy of God and man. Why walk with the Devil? "Enoch walked with God." To walk with God means everlasting life. To walk with the Devil means everlasting punishment.

Live for the Devil Here—What about Eternity?

"And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20: 10). John says, "tormented." How long? "for ever and ever." The doom of Satan, this old deceiver, is "The lake of fire and brimstone." If you will go back and read the 20th verse of the 19th chapter of Revelation you will find that, "There both" (the beast and false prophet) "were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." These have been in this lake of fire for one thousand years at the time that the Devil is cast into this lake, and John says, "where they are" not

where they have been, but "where they are." They are there at the end of **One Thousand Years.** Yes, they are there for eternity. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20: 15). Reader, don't let a false prophet lead you to the "lake of fire." God has warned us to be "vigilant" against such an enemy as the Devil. God tells us about the false prophets of the "last days." These false prophets try to preach "The lake of fire out of the Bible." But, God has given us warning. Will you walk with God, or will you walk with the Devil? will you believe God's truth, or will you believe the Devil's lie?

UNUSUAL MISSIONARY SERVICES EXPERIENCED IN MISSOURI

The Lord has lately been blessing in such a precious way in our missionary program that we feel we must tell you about some things which are taking place. On Thursday night of the Central Western Missouri Association, which was held near Stockton, Missouri, the week following the third Sunday in August, the service was given over entirely to foreign missions. At the close of the message, we made an earnest appeal unto all who would to come to the altar and consecrate their lives for the foreign fields, or wherever the Lord might wish to use them in this great work. Eight fine young people came forward and laid their lives down before the Lord. During the consecration prayer, we asked the Lord for $100.00 in the offering. At the close of prayer, we just set a box on a table and set the table out in the altar, and said, "Just come on folks and lay your offering in the box." They flocked up there and placed $101.25 in the box. Later another man added to the offering enough to run it on up to $105.75. All this was done while the spirit of the Lord was falling everywhere. It was indeed great to be there.

Then, just night before last, September first, at our Indian Creek Association, Rev. Kenneth Turner brought the missionary message, and at the close of the message the same proposition was made as before, and again six or seven young people came and laid their lives down to the Lord for the foreign fields or wherever God should call them to serve. At the close of the consecration prayer, another offering of $103.46 was received in cash, and pledges in the amount of $260.00, which is to be paid within ninety days. This again was experienced during a great outpouring of the spirit. It is wonderful how our people are awakening to the foreign mission call. We are so very thankful for it.

This all becomes more striking when we take into consideration the fact that Central Western Missouri Association only has seven small churches, and Indian Creek Association only has eleven or twelve churches. I trust that as you read this, it might awaken in you a greater interest in missions.

In His service,
Winford Davis

TESTIMONIAL

This is to announce that the Reverend H. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, Virginia, appeared recently before the Ordaining Council of the North Carolina Central Conference, and was ordained by the said Council as a qualified minister of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Harden had been preaching, as a regularly ordained minister of the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church in and around Norfolk, Virginia, for the last several years. He was in good standing with that church at the time of his coming into the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The reason, he stated for his change, is the fact that he believes in the Free Will Baptist church and its doctrinal principles, and that he was impressed to come with us to do his Christian ministry for the glory of God. Not that he was not doing a good work with the Christian church, for he was active, and greatly liked by the people whom he was serving, but that he felt that he could do a much greater work in the coming years in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Brother Harden is now planning, with the help of some of our ministers, to launch an evangelistic campaign in the City of Norfolk, and to work toward the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church within the heart of the city in a few years, if possible. He is asking the prayers and good wishes of the Free Will Baptist people for his success in his endeavors to establish a splendid work for our denomination in Norfolk, Virginia.

R. B. Spencer, Assisting
Member of the Ordaining
Council of the Central
Conference

RECOMMENDATION

Dear Baptist Readers:

I should like to introduce and to recommend to our people Rev. H. Edgar Harden, of 3217 Lyons Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. I want to say that I have known him for the last five years, and have been hearing him preach for sometime.

He has recently joined the Free Will Baptist Church. Prior to his coming to our church, he had been doing some very good work in reorganizing and building up weak churches while he was preaching for the Christian (Disciples) Church in Virginia.

I want to say that any Free Will Baptist church which is in a weak condition would do well, I think, to secure Rev. Harden to nourish it back to normal health. I believe also that he would keep in a healthy and growing condition a church already in good condition.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 5

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REV. ROBERT CRAWFORD, *Executive Secretary*

Ashland City, Tennessee

A MESSAGE FROM CUBA

Dear Friends:

Since our last report from Tennessee, our days have been filled to overflowing. It has been a great joy to visit with many of you at the National Association, though for but brief moments. Leaving Tennessee, Tommy and I went over to North Carolina and visited just a few places, due to the fact that we were booked to leave for Cuba and could not make an extensive tour. There were many places we wanted to go in the dear old North State, but with the hope that Mrs. Willey would attend the State Association we felt that our people in North Carolina would understand.

The first point visited was High Point and some great crowds of many old friends, and an opportunity to present the program of missions over the Radio Broadcast from the High Point Gospel Tabernacle. We broadcasted each evening at five o'clock and Sunday morning at eight. Our next stop was Sharon Acres, and these people are interested in missions. They have provided for a horse for our work, and now want to support a native pastor. We had a great crowd at Durham and a good response. It was a great pleasure to visit our home church and meet our dear friends and their pastor, Brother Woolley.

Our next stop was at Goldsboro, N. C., with brother Jordon and his people. It was a real opportunity to fellowship with both brother Jordon and Ennis and their families. My trip to Davis Shore was one that I had anticipated for many years. The Davis people are grand. The only regrettable fact was that time was so short. The church at Davis Shore was one of the most attractive and spiritually alive. I trust the dear Lord shall permit me to visit there some time in the future.

Our trip home this time was out of necessity to outline the "imepritame" of more extensive plans for the future of a great mission field, a movement which reads like a modern edition of the Book of Acts simply because the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit permeates the activities of the Pinar field. The only solution for the "whitened harvest fields" in Cuba is the Cuban Bible School of Missions, in which our native Cuban converts shall be trained. As we have faced the necessity, God answered our needs and sent us a highly qualified Cuban minister and Bible teacher, who shall serve in the capacity of principal. Joshua, in Spanish, Rafael Josue, is now on our field outlining the course for the ensuing year. We are hoping to open the school during the month of October.

Our group of students and Cuban young people are mentally alert and deeply spiritual. These native young people, being filled with the Spirit, testifying and preaching to their fellow countrymen, make a great impression. It is amazing to see the ease and naturalness with which these girls present the plan of salvation with power. These young people, we believe, in our own Bible College is the answer to the need.

Our plan is to buy a farm on which we shall build our own school and mission center. The students will plant a large part of the food necessary and raise our own stock. They will work a half day and study a half day in an intensive course in evangelism. Then on the week-ends, they go forth into the surrounding fields to put into practice what they have learned. There are over fifteen of these boys showing marked ability and talent, their support in the form of tuition and board shall have to come as our people shall get under the burden to help us.

Tommy and I are leaving within two days for Cuba, but Mrs. Willey will return later. The following are a few prayer requests we want to place on your hearts. (1) Pray that we might find the farm or buildings adequate for the school. (2) Pray that we might continually have wisdom to meet the different problems that shall arise. (3) Pray that God shall send us a young woman fully consecrated who will teach our children, and at the same time learn the language. (4) Pray for an intensifying soul winning campaign during these coming months.

T. H. Willey

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BIBLE COLLEGE

In as much as September 15, 1943, will mark the first anniversary of the Free Will Baptist College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, it seems that it would be very fitting to extend an opportunity to our people who are interested in the development of this institution for an appropriate celebration of some type. It being impossible for all to assemble together for such a celebration we wish to suggest an expressional type of celebration. All of us have read the slogan, "Say It with Flowers," but in this case let the slogan be, "Say It with Dollars." From the time you read this announcement up to September 15, 1943, will be considered the period in which one may get in on this anniversary celebration. Your expressions may be rendered in the form of offerings, or by the use of the annual endowment plan. Should you use one of the endowment check books the first check should be dated as of September 15, 1943, and the remaining checks should be dated on the fifteenth of each succeeding month for the next eleven. All anniversary offerings should be so designated by the organization or individual sending in. Cash, checks, or money orders are acceptable.

Should the response justify the effort there will be a list of all anniversary donors published in the Free Will Baptist, and in the Free Will Baptist Gem immediately following

the period of time designated in this announcement.

L. C. Johnson,
President,
J. R. Davidson,
Business Manager

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FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Missouri	$ 414.90
North Carolina	313.91
Tennessee	185.60
Texas	13.00
Oklahoma	10.00
Michigan	5.00
Illinois	5.00
South Carolina	2.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	122.42
Total	$1,071.83

Winford Davis, Treasurer

SIDNEY SERVICES

Saturday before the third Sunday in September will be the last Quarterly meeting the Sidney F. W. B. Church will observe during the year 1943. It will also be the last time our pastor, Rev. Herman Wooten, will be with us for a quarterly meeting service. We are planning a great day of fellowship and worship at the church on this day, Saturday, September 18. We will have a sermon Saturday morning and a picnic lunch at noon. The afternoon will consist of the regular business meeting of the church, the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet. We hope to have special music both in the morning and afternoon. It is our sincere prayer that all of our members will be present for this occasion. Visitors are welcome to come, bring a lunch and enjoy the day with us and the Lord.

We will have services Saturday evening, Sunday morning, and on Sunday evening Rev. Wooten will deliver his last message to us since this will end the church year of '43. It is with sad regret that our church loses Mr. Wooten as pastor. He has been serving us now for the past four years, and he has served us well. During his stay we have bought a light plant, built class rooms, remodeled the inside of our church building, and bought pews. In all the work, he has helped with both his hands and heart.

We're sorry to say that his stay with us has not been in every way pleasant for him, but we're happy to say that he has born his crosses with patience and a smile. In spite of the long distance he has come to us, at a sacrifice, he has given us his best. He has worked, prayed, wept and rejoiced with us. No person who has sat under the sound of his voice in and around our community can be lost without having heard the plan of salvation, and being warned of neglecting it. We know that God sent Mr. Wooten to us, and we praise His name for it. Our prayer for him as he goes out from us to other fields of worship, is that God will continue to bless him and give him courage to ever speak boldly in His name.

Rev. J. Vernelson of Clinton, N. C., will be the pastor of our church beginning the third Sunday in October. Please, all Christian people, pray for us, that we all might work together with him, in brotherly love, so God will bestow His richest blessings upon us.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

THAT THE PEOPLE MIGHT KNOW

The Lord is still blessing in the salvation of souls, and in the renewing of those who are backslidden in spirit. We have just witnessed a wonderful work of grace in the Micro Free Will Baptist Church where we have been in a revival meeting for the past two weeks. It was truly a revival indeed.

The church was mightily moved by the Holy Spirit of God that was felt in every service. The pews were packed and the aisles were filled with interested listeners, and the best of all was the fact that forty-one openly confessed Christ as their personal Saviour, and took membership in the church. There were also a great number who were reclaimed, or rededicated their lives to the service of the Lord. There were some who came into the church by letter from other churches. Thus, in every way it was a great and a glorious meeting.

Our people in Micro have a most beautiful church building in which they find much joy in worshipping the true and living God. But the most beautiful thing of all is the wonderful spirit of co-operation and fellowship that is being manifested among them. They have a mind to work, and how beautiful they work together for the glory of God.

The Reverend J. W. Alford of Kenly, North Carolina, is their pastor, and they love him with all their hearts, for he is their good leader and shepherd. I certainly did enjoy working with this good pastor and his fine people. May the Lord continue to bless them in their work.

I am now in a meeting in Cove City which started last night with a fine crowd and good interest manifested for the first service. We will be here for two weeks, the Lord willing, and then from here we will go to Union Grove Church near Fremont, North Carolina, for a ten day's meeting. From there we will go to Sandy Plain Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, for a meeting, and from there to Black Jack Church in Pitt County near Greenville for a two weeks' meeting. It is to begin on the first Sunday night in October. It will be my last meeting in North Carolina for this year.

Pray for me and for the success of all of these meetings.

Yours in His service,
M. L. Hollis

ANNOUNCEMENT

If there are any churches without pastors that desire my services, I will be glad to serve any church on the First, Second or Fourth Sundays for the coming year.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the ministering servants everywhere, and that the coming year may be a great one for the salvation of lost souls.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
New Bern, N. C.
Route 1, Box 2

NORTH CAROLINA FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

August, 1943
Mrs. Chester Pelt, Acting Secretary

Dawson's Grove Church	$ 5.68
White Oak Church	8.59
Wooding Church	3.00
LaGrange Women's Aux.	3.00
Dawson's Church	5.00
George Webster	15.00
Malachi's Chapel, Jr. League	1.00
Smith's New Home Women's Auxiliary	3.00
Edgemont (Durham) S. S.	15.00
White Oak Church	10.05
Little Rock Miss. Society	2.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	16.15
Fourth Union of Central Conference	1.00
Women's Aux. (Circle 2) Macedonia Church	2.00
Total received in August	$90.47
Total paid to Nat. Treas.	$90.47

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

Central Conference

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union district of the North Carolina Central Conference held a very enjoyable session at the Ayden Church on Sunday, August 29, 1943.

We were fortunate in having some outstanding musical talent to take an active part on our program throughout the day. Those taking a part were Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, of the Metropolitan Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Illinois; Rev. R. P. Harris, and Rev. Albert Harris, of Enfield, North Carolina; Miss Clarissa Edwards, of Winterville, N. C.; Mrs. Jessie Farish Davidson, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Mrs. Katie Huey and Mr. Pat McLawhon of Ayden.

Beautiful solos, and duets were rendered, and all present appreciated the fine music given by these people. We will long remember how inspiring these messages in song were to the convention, and the visitors who attended to enjoy the musical numbers.

The Convention and Institute was well attended, even though the weather was rainy. The Institute work will continue as a part of our convention. Its purpose is to teach teachers how to teach, and officers how to serve in the Sunday School. Much interest was manifested by those attending the classes.

The Executive Committee will soon meet for the purpose to make plans for us to work with, so please watch the Baptist paper for the plans. Tell others to watch for the plans when they are published in the Baptist.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

PROGRAM

Program of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of Western Association which is to be held at Mount Zion Church, Wilson County, on Wednesday, October 13, 1943.

10:00—Devoions by Rev. J. H. Worley
10:15—Welcome Address by Rev. T. Renfrow
10:20—Response by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
10:25—Enrollment of Ministers by Secretary
10:45—Appointment of Committees by Moderator
11:00—Moderator's Address by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
11:10—Report of Trustees
11:15—Business Period
11:45—Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. W. K. Jordan
1:45—Roll Call of Churches
2:15—Business Period
2:45—Report of Education Committee
2:50—Report of Temperance Committee
3:00—Report of Auxiliary Committee
3:10—Report of Ordaining Board
3:30—Adjournment

Evening Services

8:30—Devotions by Rev. Romie Mitchell
9:00—Sermon by Rev. Paul Jenkins

Thursday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:15—Report of Resolution Committee
10:20—Report of Ministerial Character Board
10:30—Business Period
11:00—Orphanage Report by Rev. J. A. Evans
11:30—Association Sermon — to be supplied
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions by Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:30—Report of Treasurer by Mr. H. G. Watson
1:40—Report of Mission Board
1:45—Report of Nominating Committee
1:50—Business Period
3:00—Report of Appropriation Committee
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:00—Adjournment by Rev. A. R. Flowers

P. S.—The time inserted in the program is Eastern War Time.

Rev. J. B. Ferrell,
Program Committee

TESTIMONIAL

Richmond, Virginia
February 10, 1937.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the bearer, Rev. H. E. Harden, who is at present pastor of Brambleton Christian church, is a regularly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ and is entitled to the authorization of the privilege of performing the marriage rite.

We hereby petition the court to which this is presented to license the Rev. H. E. Harden for this service.

Signed, John A. Tate,
Supt. of State Missions.

Qualified and gave bond at office of Caspin Court of Norfolk, Va., March 26, 1937, authorized by Judge James U. Goode, of Civil Court of Norfolk, Virginia.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LEAGUERS OF ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

You have a chance to win a free trip to the Young People's League Camp by attaining the prescribed requirements. The League Union will send the leaguer who makes the highest grade to the League Camp for 1944, if there shall be one held. For adults, the Union will send one adult, and one young person who makes the highest grade.

Remember, for one to be eligible, you must compete with these rules: (1) Attend the league each Sunday night. (2) Attend Sunday School each Sunday. (3) Attend church regularly. (4) Attend as many as two League Unions. (5) Conduct as many as four prayer meetings. (6) Visit the sick, and read the Bible daily.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
President,

Miss Alice Webster,
Secretary

DO WE ROB GOD?

We read in Malachi 3: 8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Do we give tithes and offerings to the Lord? We find that the scripture says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in thine house, and prove now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

If we do not do this, that is, pay our tithes and offerings, we are then robbing God. I am praying that these words will cause someone to turn to the Lord, and work for Him the rest of his or her life.

I am enjoying hearing from you Christian people. Please pray for me.

Mrs. John Rhodes,
Sanatorium, N. C.

WITHIN GOD'S HOUSE

I love to go to the House of the Lord,
His Word to understand;
I love to meet His children there
And shake each other's hand.

I love the old, old Gospel songs,
So dear they are to me;
And see how much they touch lost souls
To move them, Lord, to Thee.

I love to feel the prayers of saints,
That rise before the Lord;
And see the tears of burdened hearts
That bow in one accord.

I love to hear my pastor preach,
The old Gospel to proclaim;
And see the lost come Home to Christ
Oh! bless His holy name.

I love to take my children there,
And watch their smiling face;
How great it is they love God's House,
And in it find a place.

I love the Lord the best of all,
For Jesus Christ, His Son;
And in the church I'll find a place
'Till life on earth is done.

—Ralph L. Cannady

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I am wealthy. I come to share my wealth of ideas, plans, programs, suggestions, and inspiration with you. I will make you a wealthy Auxiliary worker if you will use me regularly.

I am wise. My store of wisdom has been gathered from many different people and places. If you will use me, I will increase your knowledge of Auxiliary work and the best methods to use.

I am helpful. I bring help for all phases of Auxiliary work. If you are an Auxiliary worker in any capacity, you will be greatly aided in fulfilling your duties by having me around all the time.

I am practical. The plans and suggestions I bring you are practical, useful, workable methods. They have been weighed and found not wanting.

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This year the Women's National Auxiliary Convention when in session at Nashville, Tennessee, changed the time for the Year Book of Programs to be placed on sale. Beginning with this year, the Year Books will begin with January to harmonize with the calendar year. For the months up to January, 1944, an outlined program will appear in the church papers. So SUBSCRIBE to one or both papers and keep right along with other Auxiliary members in your programs! The Year Book will appear just as soon as possible. You may place your orders NOW and they will be filled just as soon as the Year Books are out.

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MOUNT TABOR REVIVAL

I want to tell the readers of the Baptist paper about our revival which was held at Mount Tabor Church. It was the first week in August, and conducted by our pastor, Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina.

Brother Forrest came on Monday night after the First Sunday and continued through the Second Sunday night. The messages which he brought were soul stirring and inspiring throughout the week. One thing Brother Forrest does is to fight sin. He certainly does tell of its awful destruction. He makes it plain to his people that God has a wonderful plan of salvation which is obtained by faith through the precious blood of Christ being applied to our hearts.

There were large crowds of people who attended the meeting every night. It was a success, and the church was greatly revived and placed in a more spiritual condition.

We have a splendid Sunday School, and prayer meeting each Sunday night. Please pray for us that we may continue to grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We want to strive to do more to build up His Kingdom here on earth.

Yours in the cause of Christ,

Mrs. D. H. Furlough,
Church Clerk

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PROGRAM

The Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina will be held at Reedy Branch Church in Pitt County on September 29, 1943.

Theme: We can do all things through Christ.

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
9:40—Devotions led by Mrs. Harvey Moore
—Welcome address by Mrs. B. F. Jones
—Response
10:00—Reading of minutes
—Roll call of churches

10:20—Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
10:30—Report of the First Vice-President
—Report of the Second Vice-President
11:00—Special music
—Report of the Third Vice-President
11:20—Congregational singing led by Mrs. J. C. Moye
11:30—Convention message by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—The appointment of committees
12:00—Noon recess

Afternoon Session

1:10—Devotions led by Mrs. Carl Barrow
—Report of delegates to other conventions
1:30—Report of the Fifth Vice-President
—Orphanage news by Rev. James Evans
2:00—A Playlet by Black Jack Young People's Mission Society
2:20—Report of the Fourth Vice-President
—Report of the Sixth Vice-President
—Report of the Field Worker
3:00—Special music by Mrs. J. C. Moye
3:15—Unfinished or new business
—Appointment of delegates to other conventions
—Report of committees, treasurer, Courtesy Committee, etc.
—Adjournment

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I shall not be in college this year, and that I desire pastoral, supply pastoral and evangelistic work in the field of music for the fall and winter months.

Rev. J. Albert Harris,
Enfield, North Carolina,
Route 1, Box 203

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NEWS FROM ALABAMA

Dear Baptist Family:

We are so little in numbers down here in South East Alabama that I am wondering if what we are doing would be of any interest to the Baptist readers. To begin with, we have as good a pastor as will be found anywhere. He is Rev. W. S. Driggers, formerly of South Carolina, but now of Georgia. He has proved himself as a great blessing to our church and community.

At the regular meeting time in June, the Arnold family held their Reunion at our church. We had a wonderful day. Rev. Driggers brought the eleven o'clock message. The song services were fine with good singing by those present. At the noon hour we had an old-fashion dinner spread on the church lawn.

In the afternoon, we held a Dedication service. We dedicated the Service Flag and Honor Roll. The Honor Roll has thirty-two names on it, and the Flag has thirty-two blue stars on it. We are to put six more stars on the Service Flag. We are also ordering from the Free Will Baptist Press another Service Roll to put other names on. We are praying for our boys who are in the Armed Forces of our country.

Our old-fashion revival was simply wonderful. We did not have a visiting minister, nor did we need one. We had a full house at each service, and during the meeting there were five who became members of our church. On Friday night another fine young lady joined, and on Sunday night a fine young couple, who live in the community, joined. Their son and daughter joined last year, and we are thankful for this family to become members in Christ with us.

So many of the young people have left our community that our Young People's league has been hurt by their having to leave the community, but we are trying to hold on, until, as one of our league boys in Africa wrote me, "You keep the league going until we come home." Yes, by the help of God we are holding on.

We have a nice Missionary Society that Mrs. Lizzie McAdams organized a year ago last April. We enjoy working in it very much. We meet once a month in the homes, and use the Year Book of Programs.

We are asking an interest in your prayers, and we are praying that we may be faithful in our work for the Master, and that at last we may hear the heavenly Father say unto each one of us, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Linnie J. Stokes,
Abbeville, Alabama

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends:

I want to thank the many friends in this way for the nice letters and cards which they sent to me during my stay at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. I was a patient there for two weeks.

I should like to write to each one who thought of me, but since I cannot, I want them to know how I appreciated their thoughtfulness of me while I was sick. I returned home on September 3rd, and will be home for two or three weeks before going back to work in Raleigh.

I deeply appreciate the prayers of all, and feel that I have been both physically and spiritually blessed to get along as well as I have since my operation. I desire your prayers, and do trust that all who possibly can will come to see me while I am here.

Mrs. Ida O. Styron

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ABIDING VALUES FROM ISRAEL'S HISTORY

(Lesson for September 26

Lesson: Deuteronomy 11: 13-25.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14 :34 .

Two things leap from this text to challenge the interest of the thoughtful reader—two subjects as opposite as darkness and light. Not even the poles of the planet earth are more widely separated than these two ideas: **righteousness and sin.** One word is a synonym for happiness and blessing, the other word is freighted with failure and despair. These two words are literally highways to eternity; but one leads to Heaven and the Father's bright Land; while the other leads to hell and the fiery lake of the second and final death.

With steel becoming more precious than gold, the Federal government permitted a new race track to be built in New Jersey, using enough steel in its construction to build two and a half battleships. At the same time the national leaders refused to allow the neighboring community to build a high school and a church, on the grounds of shortage of steel. Why the discrimination? A flow of tax revenue would flow into the treasury from the gambling concession when horses raced for prizes, and fools bet their last dollar on the prospects of winning easy money!

A hundred such instances could be cited to show that a darkening cloud of reproach is overshadowing us with alarming rapidity. Unless we check the present drift into mass unrighteousness, we are destined to lose the favor of God nationally, and perhaps will in the end join the wrecks of time that line the highway of history. Greece collapsed, in spite of culture, philosophy, and learning, because sin permeated the warp and woof of her national fabric. Not all the might and genius of Rome could save her splendid empire, when lechery and vice bacame national in sway and practice.

Germany has demonstrated once again that eternal principles do not change, nor can they be suspended at the desire of men. In the days when Martin Luther's name was revered, and when men came from all the earth to study in German schools, that once-great land was characterized by a national Godliness so fine, the whole world honored the German character and conduct. Then such names as Marx, Nietzsche, Wellhausen and Schicklegruber became the national symbols—God was outlawed —brutality and sadism ruled in the hearts of men, and the **reproach of God and man alike** fell like a mountain on the German race, so crushing them that a generation will not suffice for their recovery. God save the United States from a similar fate!

—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. It is impossible to be obedient to God's Word unless we are acquainted with it (Deu. 11: 13).

2. If we concentrate our devotion and service upon God, we will gather an abundance of spiritual blessing (vs. 14 .

3. All the things we commonly call provisions of nature are really sent by the Lord (vs. 15 .

4. Any teaching that leaves out the living God and His Christ is a deception and a fraud (vs. 16).

5. Crop failures are often due to the sins of the people of the land (vs. 17).

6. God's Word is most effective in the life if it is laid up in the heart (vs. 18).

7. Blessed is the home where children are made acquainted with the Word of God (vs. 19).

8. Scripture texts on the wall should be a reflection of a store of Scripture in the heart (vss. 20-22).

9. Enemies of the soul cannot abide in the heart that is filled with the Word of God (vs. 23).

10. God's promises, like bank checks, are worthless unless they are presented at the proper place for payment (vss. 24, 25).

11. A Word to YOU: These ten truths, and many more, are given in greater detail in our **Advanced, Senior,** and **Intermediate** Quarterlies. Advertise them to your friends.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Beginning Right

"First, there must be a national acknowledgement of Him; we have to make a declaration to the world. 'God is our Refuge and Strength.' There it is, right in the beginning, right in the forefront of the song. 'God is our God.' We have to begin **there.** We did begin there many years ago, did we not? Roger Babson was talking to a diplomat in South America. The South American asked, 'Do you know why it is that both our countries are so far apart as far as prosperity is concerned?' Mr. Babson said, 'No, why is that? I don't know.' The diplomat said, 'I know. Our forefathers came to South America seeking for gold. Your forefathers came to North America seeking God.' " (Evangelical Christian).

Merely Removing the Foundation

An incident is told that one morning one of the lunatics was found with a pick digging at the foundation of the main building in which the unfortunates lived. When asked what he was doing, he answered, that he intended to dig out the foundation and remove the first story of the building, so he could raise potatoes and cabbage on the site of the building. When asked where he intended to live, he answered, that he had been living in the first story, but as it was necessary to remove that in order that he might have a garden, he intended to move upstairs. When reasoned with that, if he destroyed the foundation and removed the lower story, the superstructure would fall, he insisted that he was sane, intelligent in fact, fully

abreast with the best modern scholarship, and that all who opposed him were ignorant, non-progressive, and back numbers.—Leewin B. Williams, from "Pungent Paragraphs."

Sin and Electricity

Next to sinning itself, is going needlessly close to sin. Electricity is not the only force that sometimes works by induction, leaping across space and seriously interfering with currents that it was meant to have nothing to do with. Evil is as expert as electricity at that feat. Therefore the question that Robert E. Speer has put to young people is of very practical value, "How wide is the margin between us and evil?" No man can afford to let that margin grow narrower. It is not a sign of strength, but of weakness, to dally with temptation. — Evangelical Beacon.

REVIVAL AT DAMASCUS CHURCH

The revival meeting began at the Damascus Church, near DeKalb, Mississippi, on the Second Sunday night in August, and closed on the following Friday night. The services were conducted by a former pastor, Rev. M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Alabama.

Brother Hollis is a God-sent man, one who is filled with the Holy Spirit. We feel that he is doing a great work for the salvation of lost souls. He certainly did preach some great sermons while here. The gospel messages that the people heard during these services will be like bread cast upon the waters to be gathered many days hence.

There were six additions to the church, and we greatly appreciate the good work which Brother Hollis did while with us. He did a good work for the church and the community. We hope to be able to have him with us sometime in the near future. We are praying that God will continue to bless him in his labors for the cause of lost souls.

—Written by a member of the church.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT ST. MARY'S GROVE

The revival meeting which was held at St. Mary's Grove Church in Johnson County drew a large crowd of people all the week. The messages of Rev. Paul Jenkins and Ray Alman of Kannapolis were timely and helpful. Our pastor, the Rev. J. B. Ferrell of Elm City also assisted.

The assistance of Lathan Phillips in the singing and the religious training was most beneficial. There were twenty additions to the church, and on Sunday morning the baptismal services were observed at Albert Lassiter's pond with a large crowd attending. The church and community were left rich in experience, and inspiration because of the sermons of Rev. Paul Jenkins.

Sincerely,
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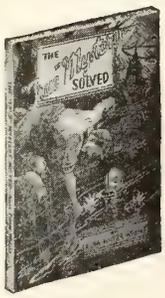

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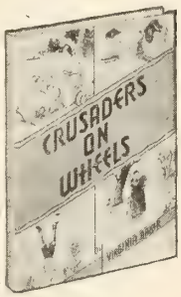

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A SERVANT YIELDING TO TEMPTATION

Naaman, a great Syrian captain, was a leper. Great white sores had formed on his hands and feet, and were eating them away. Soon he knew he would be unable to lead his army, then unable to walk or take care of himself. Presently the leprosy would kill him.

It happened that a little Jewish girl, who worshipped God and honored Elisha the prophet, was a servant in Naaman's home.

One day the girl said to Naaman's wife: "Would that my lord would see the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

At once Naaman's wife told him what the little girl had said. Naaman told Ben-hadad, his king, and the king sent him at once with a letter and a great treasure of gold and silver, as a present, to the king of Israel, urging the king of Israel to heal Naaman.

Soon Naaman's chariot and horses and a great company of followers were halted before the door of Elisha's tiny home.

The prophet did not even come to the door to greet this great warrior. He sent his servant Gehazi to say: "Go wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall be restored, and thou shalt be well again."

At first Naaman was very angry when he heard this message. He expected that the prophet would come out to him and do some wonderful thing to heal him. Finally he forgot his pride and drove back to the Jordan, and in obedience to the prophet's word bathed himself seven times in the Jordan.

When he came out of the water the last time, to his joy and amazement, every sign of the leprosy was gone. He had been cured.

Grateful and eager to reward Elisha, Naaman hurried to the prophet's house.

"Now I know that Jehovah alone is God, he cried out to Elisha. "Take, I pray thee, a gift from thy servant."

Elisha refused to be rewarded in silver and gold. He knew that he had won the captain's heart to God. He was content. He did not want any of the treasure Ben-hadad had sent.

Meanwhile, Gehazi, Elisha's servant, had seen all the gold and silver and beautiful clothes which Naaman wanted to give Elisha.

When Naaman had gone, Gehazi slipped out of the house and hurried after him. "My master has sent me," he cried, when he drew near Naaman, "to ask thee for a talent of silver and two changes of raiment for two young men who have just come to his house."

Naaman, glad to show his gratitude, gave Gehazi two talents and two changes of raiment, and sent servants to carry them back.

When they drew near Elisha's house Gehazi dismissed the servants and hid the treasure. Then he stole into the house and pretended he had not been out at all.

"Where were you, Gehazi?" asked Elisha.

"Did I not know when thou didst go to Naaman and receive from him the treasure?" said Elisha, sadly. "The leprosy of Naaman shall cling to thee, who thinkest more of money than of honor."

Gehazi went out from the prophets house. True, he had a treasure in money, but his body was covered with the snow-white sores of the leper. He would never find joy in his ill-gotten wealth.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Bro. Editor:

Please allow me space in our beloved church organ to tender my thanks to the Carteret Union and Superannuation for their donations. My physical condition is unimproved. I am soliciting the prayers of all Christians that I may be restored to health if it be God's will. Thanking you in advance for your prayers, I am,

Your humble and helpless servant,
Elder L. C. Garner,
Newport, N. C.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

JONES. On the night of August 3, 1943, the soul of Mrs. Bert Hyman Jones, age 50, the wife of Mr. O. J. Jones, of Hyman, South Carolina, passed out of this world to be with Jesus.

Mrs. Jones suffered lots with the disease called cancer. All was done for her that doctors, nurses and loved ones could do but Jesus said, "It is enough suffering; come home with Me."

She professed faith in Christ at an early age, and became a member of Mt. Elom F. W. B. Church. Sister Bert was a devout Christian, a good wife and mother. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Mr. O. J. Jones, Mrs. Luther De Will, her only child, and two grandchildren, her step-mother, Mrs. Nancy Hyman, and the following brothers and sisters: N. C. Hyman, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. C. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Nettie Hewitt, Mrs. Veatrice Hutchinson, Mrs. Jewel Eaddy, Clyde Hyman, Roland Hyman, Robert Hyman, Rev. Rufus Hyman, and Rev. Lowell Hyman, all of Florence County, South Carolina.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. L. A. Halliday and Rev. J. B. Oliver.

Written by her brother,
Rev. Rufus Hyman,
Effingham, S. C.

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GASKILL. It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my Aunt, Mrs. Calvin Gaskill. She was born on April 2, 1901, and died on August 7, 1943, at Potter's Emergency Hospital, Beaufort, North Carolina.

She had been in ill health for a long time with heart trouble, and her death was not unexpected. Everything was done for her that doctors and a host of friends could do, but all to no avail. She suffered much for some purpose.

It was sad to stand by the bedside and watch her go, but the Lord saw fit to take her with Him, where there is no sickness, but all is sunshine and peace.

She united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Stacy, N. C., in her youth. Her funeral was conducted at her home by Rev. L. R. Ennis, the pastor of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, after which she was laid to rest, under a beautiful mound of flowers, which were the last tributes of loved ones and friends.

She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, Calvin Gaskill, a mother, Mrs. Rebecca Mason, one step-daughter, Miss Victoria Gaskill, one sister, Mrs. Willis W. Gaskill, one niece and a host of relatives and friends.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in her home
That never can be filled.

The face we loved is now laid low,
Her loving voice is still;
The hand so often clasped in ours,
'Tis now in death's chill.

We often sit and think of her,
And speak of how she died;
To think she could not say goodbye;
Before she closed her eyes.

Written by her niece,
Mrs. Alvin Willis

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LANCASTER. Our dearly beloved Grandmother, Mrs. Delphia Lancaster, died on April 10, 1943. Her worries and pains were over, and she made her departure for a brighter and happier home.

Grandmother was a Christian ever since she was a very small child. She spent a very active life, though full of sickness and sorrows, but she never lost faith through it all in our Lord and Master. She was 82 years old at the time of her death.

Although we miss her very much, we are made to realize that our loss is her eternal gain. The entire family feels very grateful to Rev. Clarence Bowen for the sympathy he showed during her sickness and death. Her funeral was conducted at the church in Kenly, North Carolina, of which she was the oldest member, by her pastor, Brother Clarence Bowen.

The beautiful floral designs bespeak the high esteem with which she was held by the people in the entire community.

—Written by her Grand-daughter, Mrs. Ben Sutton, Mount Olive, N. C., Route 1.

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JONES. On June 21, 1943, the spirit of Brother Joe Jones, age 75, took its flight to be with God. He united in early manhood with Watery Branch Church, Wayne County, and remained a faithful member until his death. He was one who could be depended upon to do his part in the work of the church.

Brother Jones had been in feeble health for several months before his death, but he bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude. He often spoke of his departure as being near at hand. He was willing and ready to go and be with the Lord.

We trust that God will call someone to fill his place in the church. His passing is greatly felt by both his family and the community in which he lived.

The funeral services were conducted at his home by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Dail, and assisted by Brother W. B. Nobles and Rev. Johns of the Stantonsburg Church. The burial was in the home cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mollie Murphy Jones, and four sons, Joseph of the U. S. Army, Ralph, Jasper, Lloyd, and one daughter, Nannie, all of the home.

Written by a friend,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey

IN MEMORIAM

On the 27th day of July, 1943, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called our brother, and faithful Superintendent, Brother John R. Boyd, age 76, from his labors to his reward beyond the grave in the great forever.

Be it resolved, by the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Sunday School, and Church, Pinetown, N. C., of which brother Boyd was the faithful Superintendent; First, That we humbly bow in submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well, and further be it resolved we shall greatly miss brother Boyd, not only as we gather for the Sunday School hour each Sunday, but in our daily life as we go about our daily labors, his kindly words, and gentle manner as well.

He had been a faithful member of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church many, many years, and seldom was he absent at the hour of service there.

We are grateful for having been favored by his leadership in Sunday School and his presence in our community, therefore we commend his surviving family to Jesus our Saviour, and pray God that the Holy Spirit comfort them in this hour of sorrow, and may they find solace at the foot of the Cross, light, and guidance in the Scriptures, which is a light unto our pathway, and a lamp unto our feet.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Sunday School and Church, and a copy be sent to the Free Will Baptist, and a copy to the Washington Daily News for publication, and a copy to the bereaved family.

Done by order of the Sunday School and Church this the 15th day of August, 1943.

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
and Sunday School,
J. Hyman Boyd, Superintendent,
Duffy Toler, Pastor

REVIVAL AT MICRO

In this ever changing world, there is a modern idea that there is no place for the spiritual things of life. This idea has not entirely reached Micro, North Carolina, for this little town has never had a more inspiring revival than it has just witnessed.

Sunday, August 15, marked the opening of the revival at the Free Will Baptist Church. The evangelist was unable to be at the first two services, therefore, the pastor, Rev. John Alford, conducted them. On Tuesday evening the Rev. M. L. Hollis, from Alabama, was welcomed. The house was filled from the first service, and each night more came.

Much interest was shown during the first week. Although there were no confessions of faith, many rededicated their lives to the Lord. On Sunday evening the working of the Spirit was shown by an old-fashion altar service. Everyone felt the presence of the Holy Spirit within their hearts, and felt that their prayers were answered, for this was definitely the turning point of the meeting.

During the last week, the interest and the co-operation of the members of the church and the community was shown by attending day services. We all feel that our prayers were answered, for forty-two men, women, boys and girls stepped forward eager to confess their faith in Jesus Christ.

Sunday afternoon the meeting closed when the sacred rite of Baptism was administered to the converts, which was one of the most beautiful scenes the writer ever witnessed. The people of Micro can never forget the evangelist, Rev. Hollis, and the singer, Rev. Albert Harris, for their wonderful work. We know that they worked untiringly for the succes of our revival. Everyone felt that many blessings were received, and the church gives them a cordial invitation to visit us whenever they find it possible, and may God bless them wherever they go is our prayer.

—Written by a member of Micro Church.

REVIVAL AT LONG RIDGE CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina, will begin a twelve-days revival meeting at Long Ridge Church on September 15. We solicit the prayers of all Christian people everywhere that we might have a real spiritual revival. The public is cordially invited to attend each service during the meeting.

Mrs. Ben Sutton

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Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4: 8.

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Yet Love will dream and Faith will trust,
Since He who knows our need is just,
That somewhere, somehow, meet we must,
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress-trees;
Who hopeless lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play;
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own!

—J. G. Whittier

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REPORT OF ALBEMARLE UNION

The Albemarle Union meeting convened with Malachi's Chapel on August 28, 1943. The devotions were conducted by D. H. Furlough, after which the moderator made his address, and called attention to some needs of the union.

The list of ministers was called and the following were present: T. F. Davenport, R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, Dr. Leonard Earl Harris. They were given a hearty welcome by the moderator. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called with fourteen representing. The contributions were $26.20 for missions, and $27.21 for the union.

Rev. R. P. Harris brought the eleven o'clock sermon with Dr. Leonard Earl Harris in charge of the music. Dinner was served out on the church grounds after the message.

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by E. B. Armstrong, Sr., and special music was rendered by Hickory Chapel, and Dr. Harris. Following the music the business of the union was entered into and matters of importance were discussed and acted upon. Brother R. P. Harris made some remarks concerning the mission work which was expected to start next month in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

All committees made their reports and accepted. The Elizabeth City Church asked the union to help them in their building program, and a motion was carried to give the church $25 dollars. It was agreed that the next union would go to Sound Side Church in October. A rising vote of thanks was given to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union.

The union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator,
J. A. Harris, Clerk

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EDITORIAL

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION—

The North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists was a great success in every particular. It was convened in the town of Middlesex and held in the Missionary Baptist Church, as the Free Will Baptist people do not have a church in that town.

The Methodist and the Missionary Baptist people of the town, and the people living in the surrounding community certainly did entertain the association is a rolay way. The people of Middlesex opened their homes for ministers, delegates and visiting friends of the association, and gave them royal entertainment each night during the sitting of the association. Every courtesy was extended by these good people of the town unto all who were guests with them during the three days of the association. It was a pleasure, indeed, to each one to have been entertained with such courtesy by the people of Middlesex.

The association opened on Wednesday morning with a fine spirit of worship and co-operation as a great body of Christian people. The first gospel message, delivered by Rev. M. E. Tyson, was timely and appropriate for the occasion, and started off the association in a fine way. Other timely and appropriate messages were delivered by outstanding speakers, as Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Rev. Chester Pelt, Chaplain in the Armed Forces of our country, Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. R. B. Crawford, of Ashland Cityy, Tennessee, the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Rev. M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Alabama, and a number of others who brought effective and timely messages bearing upon the work of the denomination, and in the interest of the different outstanding phases of the work of the whole church.

The many reports, coming from the different phases of the denominational work, were greatly encouraging, and served to stimulate a new interest on the part of those present for the association for a greater work in the different causes of the church for the coming year. Favorable comments were expressed, and praise given for the success which had been achieved during the past year in the different branches of the work of the many churches within the bounds of the State.

Several associations in the western part of the State became members of the State Association for the first time, and expressed a willingness to co-operate with it during the coming years, and to do all they can for its progress and achievement in the carrying forward the Free Will Baptist Church in a greater way than ever before. Several Union meeting districts represented, and gave their contributions for the furtherance of the financial work of the association in its expanding work and influence. Quite a large number of the churches over the State were represented with splendid donations for this worthy cause. It is to be regretted, however, that there were many that did not represent, nor did they send letter or any contribution to the association to help it to do a greater work for the glory of God. But, let us hope that they will remember to represent next year, and to send a fine contribution to this great body.

Superintendent James A. Evans of the Orphanage and members of his Official Staff, together with the pastors of the Baptist and the Methodist churches and their members, played a great part in making arrangements, and assisting in several ways to enable the association to have everything convenient and pleasant for it to have a splendid session. Certainly, everyone who attended this association greatly appreciated all the good things which these people did to help to make the association a great success. The editor, writer of this editorial note, was present and can say with pleasure that he certainly did appreciate every nice thing done by the local people for the pleasantness and success of the association.

One noteworthy thing that is not to be overlooked in this note, and that is, the splendid offering which was made on the second day, following the wonderful message delivered by Rev. J. W. Alford. The amount was three hundred dollars in cash for the Orphanage at Middlesex. Many hearts rejoiced to see this fine demonstration of love shown that Home for the support of the children whom Brother Evans and his coworkers are laboring so faithfully to care for and to train for life activities.

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AUXILIARY CONVENTION—

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Western North Carolina District convened, also, in the town of Middlesex, and at the same time the State Association held its session. It was held in the Methodist Church, and had a good session. The addresses were fine, the reports good, and the discussions on the floor were deliberate and to the point, thus showing that the women are alert and mean to carry their work of the church forward with great zeal and determination for the glory of God.

Certainly, the ministry, as well as the laity, are deeply interested in the progress that the women are making in their auxiliary conventions in the State. They deserve the praise of the church people, but more than this they greatly need the hearty cooperation and support of every minister, and all the church people to enable them to go forward in a greater way, and to do a greater work for the cause of righteousness. In their convention they were greatly appreciative of every convenience and every courtesy extended to them while in their session by the good people of Middlesex. They will long remember the sweet fellowship in their meeting, and the splendid hospitality shown them while they were among the good people of the town.

Satisfaction

"The personal love of Christ to you, felt, delighted in, returned, is actually, truly, simply, without exaggeration, the deepest joy and the deepest feeling that the heart of man or woman can know. It will absolutely SATISFY your heart. It would SATISFY your heart if it were His will that you should spend the rest of your life alone in a dungeon."

Is Such Satisfaction Yours?
—It May Be.

Professing Christians, do the words at the head of this leaflet express your experience to-day? If not, would it not be well to consider prayerfully whether you really know Him as your personal Saviour? And if you are really resting on His finished work for you on Calvary's Cross, and yet are conscious, as you honestly face the question before God and your own heart, that you are not finding your every satisfaction in Him, would it not be well to stop and consider and pray fervently: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting?"

The satisfaction and practical joy in the personal love of a personal Christ is not necessarily a sign of an advanced Christian experience or a so-called "second blessing," but should be and may be the normal condition of even the simplest believer; indeed the simple ones are often those who enter into these things most readily, as these lines speak not of entering into or apprehending any deep truths or obscure doctrine concerning even the person of our beloved Lord, but simply heart-occupation with that adorable Person Himself.

These simple lines are penned with the earnest prayer that they may be used of God in His wondrous grace to win the hearts of some, and especially of the young in Christ, to find their complete satisfaction and joy in Him alone.

To this end, give heed to a word of real experience from one, who, for many years after he was saved, endeavored to the best of his ability to walk in a path of separation from the world; perhaps with some legality being occupied more with work for Him than with Himself; but on coming in contact with the temptations and allurements of a great city for the first time, worldly companions and worldly amusements soon won the heart and life from a clear and honoring testimony for Him. This went on for some time, until at length, through the blessed ministry of God's Word, the heart was won to Him, seemingly as never before, to find in the person of His dear Son every delight and satisfaction, and to see in the pleasures of the world the veriest "husks that the swine did eat."

But, dear Christian reader, be assured that such a dishonoring wandering from Him is by no means necessary. Let no one deceive you with the devil's lie that "you should dabble in worldly things so as to be better able to warn others against them." "They that touch pitch shall be defiled," and although it is written, and blessedly true, that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," yet the effect of that defilement will remain with us until He shall come and "change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." And when He does, in love and grace, bring our poor wandering hearts back to Himself, with what regrets are we filled that we were for one moment wooed from sweet fellowship and communion with Him.

It is with a burning desire that some young hearts may be saved these regrets that these lines are written.

Let us now contemplate Him.

Have you by faith seen Him, the holy One of God, hanging on that central Cross of Calvary, scorned and mocked by the rabble and—thought beyond all thought!—forsaken of God for you? Have you seen Him thus and your heart not been won to Him as to nothing else in the universe? O, dear reader! let Him from this moment be the "Chiefest among ten thousand," the One "altogether lovely" to your soul. He will more than fill your life with a satisfying joy and peace that will solve all the petty difficulties of the day, such as pleasures, companions, dress, idle talk, etc., and you will be able to sing truly—

"O Christ in Thee my soul has found,
And found in Thee alone,
The peace and joy I've sought so long,
The rest till now unknown.

"Now none but Christ can satisfy,
No other name for me;
There's love and life and lasting joy,
Lord Jesus, found in Thee."

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
Free Will Baptist State Association
of North Carolina

The Thirty-First Session State Association

The thirty-first annual session of the State Association of F. W. Baptists of North Carolina came to a close the 17th of September, Friday of last week. The association was in session for three days in the town of Middlesex, with deliberations being held in the Baptist church.

We never witnessed a better spirit of co-operation with sister churches than we did during the sitting of the association. Both the Methodist and Missionary Baptist people supported the association with the greatest of hospitality. Too, the surrounding churches of the F. W. Baptist faith loyally supported the work. And the host minister, Rev. James A. Evans, the superintendent of the Orphan-

age, together with the whole staff of matrons and officers officiated in the most liberal way to make the entertainment of the highest efficiency to their guests.

Some of the High-Lights of Business

One of the outstanding things, perhaps the greatest, was the endorsing of the National program of the National Association in full. Along with this endorsement it was put on record to give to the 'Unified Program" twenty-five per cent of all receipts, which included receipts of this session.

Another thing of great importance was the uniting of Foreign and Home missions into one organization, known as "Missions," with five members elected to have full control of all missions. This transaction did away with one board which saves expense in travel and it eliminates other expense, and makes the work to be a unified effort, thus settling the question of some persons being favorable to home missions to the exclusion of foreign missions, and others being wholly in favor of foreign missions to the exclusion of home missions. Now, it is just "Missions."

Sermons and Addresses

Owing to the fact that I was busy endeavoring to carry out my part on the program in showing denominational pictures, having to be out about one day—part of Wednesday and part of Thursday, I did not get much of the preaching and addresses, but the ones that we did get were of great value. We heard about half of the associational sermon which was delivered by Rev. J. W. Alford, according to the program which was timely and inspiring.

The message by Rev. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, who was granted the place of Rev. L. R. Ennis, by the latter, and whose subject was "Trained Christian Workers", was greatly enjoyed, as it was Biblical, practical and logical in every respect.

Another message that made a great "hit" was the message on the "Superannuated Minister" which was delivered by Rev. Clarence Bowen. In this message every one was reminded of the duty and responsibility resting upon us as to the making of life easier for the retired, worn-out servant of God.

The most stirring part of the whole program, perhaps, was the "Memorial Service" conducted by Mrs. J. C. Moye, which was at the close of the session. She was assisted, ably so, by two daughters and Rev. M. E. Tyson.

Good Reports

We did not get all the reports for the same reason that we missed the sermons and addresses, but we did learn that the past year had been a "Banner Year" in every phase of the work. The F. W. Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, with $40,000.00 in receipts for the year, led all phases of the work.

Last September, the superintendent, Rev. James A. Evans, asked for $28,000.00, which amount was estimated to be sufficient for the running of the home for the year. Well, by the result of an over-running of the amount many needful repairs and new work has been accomplished. Now, we are asked, for $50,000.-00 for the ensuing year. I have learned that Free Will Baptists can do "big things" when led out to do them.

Officers and Committees

The same officers that have served for the year of 1942-43 were re-elected, namely: Rev. D. W. Alexander, president, Rev. J. R. Bennett, vice-president, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, (acting) Recording secretary, Bro. Rom W. Mallard, treasurer and J. C. Griffin, Field secretary.

The personnel of some of the standing boards were changed but most of the old members were re-elected, among these was a committee to arrange for a "Christian Workers' Institute" somewhere in the state. This committee was composed of Revs. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, D. W. Alexander, Bethel, and J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C. So, if you should want a Christian Workers' Institute in your church, or community, just write either member of the committee and we will consider your application.

Some pictures—the F. W. B. Press, the Bible College, Camp Leach, and others were shown on Thursday evening, in connection with the Orphanage report and musical selections by the children of the Orphan Home.

We can say, conscientiously, that we believe that this was the most profitable session ever held of the North Carolina State Association.

Important News

In stead of sending money now, to Foreign and Home Missions treasurers, everyone is requested to send all money for missions to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C., who is a new member of the Mission Board and who becomes Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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ATTENTION ALL LOCAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES!

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, National Literature Chairman

On the advice of the National Field Worker, Sister Lizzie McAdams, it was voted by all members of the Executive Committee except two who were not present due to illness, and delegates in attendance at the last session of the National Auxiliary Convention that the time for the Year Book of Programs should be changed from October to January to agree with the calendar year. The Year Book is already in the hands of the printers and just as soon as they can be finished, they will be put in the mail to those who have ordered them. Orders may be placed now with the assurance that at the very earliest date possible they will be filled. All orders this year are to be placed with the National First Vice-President.

For the months between October and January, 1944, the Executive Committee authorized the Auxiliary Literature department to publish in the "Free Will Baptist," and "The Gem" a program each month until January. These programs, of course, can only be in outline form due to space needed in the papers for other items. These three programs will emphasize some phase of the Women's Auxiliary Plan of Work. October's program is on ENLISTMENT. "Not YOURS but, YOU" is the program subject. A suggested outline is given below but other arrangements can be very interestingly worked up. Your program chairman can for the next three months use her own ideas if she prefers. Any good stewardship book will give the speakers plenty information on the suggested talks.

"Not YOURS but YOU"

"But Daniel purposed in his heart" and God overcame every difficulty that was placed in his way, and Daniel kept that purpose. Today Christian women everywhere should realize their sacred responsibility and be steadfast and loyal in their definite purpose of carrying or sending the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

If women are content to sit idly by and worry about the disturbed world, rationing of food and gas and other handicaps, the progress of the work will be hindered or greatly retarded; but if we purpose in our hearts as Daniel purposed and if we have the faith of Moses who went out "not knowing whither he went," but only whom he followed, we too may have to limit activities but time may be spent in tarrying for spiritual growth and power. We can be ready for anything if we have been faithful in everything.

Twenty-five years ago there were few cars. Most of us went in buggies, on horseback and even in wagons. Some walked miles over trails and dirt roads to get to church and they were never in a hurry to leave the "House of the Lord." Certainly more interest and spiritual power was manifest than now. We of today need to look back and learn wisdom from the challenges and examples of yesterday.

Ours has been an easy path, for we have driven from place to place; now that the way is hard, are we willing to prove that we have waited on the Lord and are ready to serve Him faithfully? If we are really waiting on the Lord, we will be willing to walk and not faint in our efforts to serve Him. Where there is a will, a way will be found to carry on the activities of the Women's Auxiliary work.

October has long been regarded as the time for special enlistment efforts. It is good to establish a habit if it is a good habit. In October vacations are over, schools have begun, routine manner of life has been reestablished, the churches are revived, and enlistment in Christian activities is the order of the day. October is a good time for emphasis upon the vital phases of Women's Auxiliary life and for seeking the varied talents of the women and young people of the churches for the extension of God's Kingdom among men.

Seldom if ever in the life of the Auxiliary has enlistment in its aims and activities been so important and so difficult as now. So each of us must resolve to multiply ourselves to meet the needs of our day, remembering always to put "first things first," and to be sure that we are not using God's time to do things that are not building the Kingdom of God. Because God works through individuals, we must make of ourselves and of our fellow-Christians fit channels for the expression of His will and work in the hearts of men. Because the purpose of an auxiliary is to "enlist the women and young people in PRAYER, in STUDY, in TITHES and OFFERINGS, in MISSIONS, and in PERSONAL SERVICE, our program for October, 1943, is about one of these. The truest, most productive enlistment approach is "WE SEEK NOT YOURS but YOU." When the person is won, possessions of EVERY SORT will be enlisted ALSO.

We have a great obligation to win the indifferent woman who is our near neighbor into active service for the Master. How can we make them see that, while all good causes should have our interest and support, our obligation to make the saving knowledge of Christ known to all peoples everywhere is still the FIRST call on our time, our talents, and our money? How much we need God-given wisdom!

Then for October the Women's Auxiliaries everywhere will be emphasizing enlistment—the enlistment of SELF.

Program Outline for October, 1943

Subject: **Personal Consecration—** (The Stewardship of Life)

1. Introduction: While the pianist softly plays "I Gave My Life for

Thee," the leader may read Malachi 3: 8-10.

2. Devotional Topic: God's Ownership: Psa. 24: 2, 2; I Cor. 6: 19, 20. Our Stewardship: Rom. 14: 7-12; II Cor. 8: 5-9.

3. Prayer that we who profess Christ shall separate ourselves from the world, and that the joy that comes from living for Jesus may find expression in efforts for salvation among all nations.

4. Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord."

5. Talk: The Gospel Bound:

1. By Indifference
2. By Covetousness

6. Talk: The Gospel Freed:

1. By Tithes and offerings
2. By Training of Young People

. Talk: The Acknowledgement of God's Ownership:

1. In Consecration of strength, time, talent, influence, opportunity, and dollars. ("In conversion," said a great Christian scholar, "God gives to me, but in consecration I give to God").

8. Hymn (as a prayer)—"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord to Thee."

9. Business Session

10. Benediction

"Far beyond words to tell is the need of willing and able men and women who will strive with every power they possess to serve the kingdom every day by every thought, every word, every act of their lives."

(Note: A change in the usual order might be made, the business session coming first and the closing time given to a service of consecration.)

Many victory ships are being launched every week but the ship that will really mean winning the war and the peace is Christian stewardship. Without a real sense of values, an understanding of the fundamental principle of God's ownership and our trusteeship, an allied victory will scarcely be permanent. Is your Auxiliary doing all that it should to enlist every woman in your church as well as every young person in the stewardship of their lives?

A MESSAGE TO AID WORKERS

Dear Baptist Readers:

I desire to speak in this way to the ladies Aid workers of South Carolina. I want to remind them that time is drawing very near for our District Convention which will be held with Bethany Church on Thursday, October 7, 1943. We are hoping to see all local Aids represented with officers and delegates, together with a liberal donation for the work which we are trying to do for our Orphanage, Christian education, Missions (home and foreign), and our dues to the National Convention.

We are hoping to come together with our hearts and minds fixed on things eternal, and with a greater zeal to work for our Master in winning souls for Him. I feel that there was never a time when workers were more needed, and when fields were whiter to harvest. Let us be up, therefore, and doing all we can for the Master's cause.

Human souls are too precious for us to waste our time and opportunity to save some that otherwise would be lost. We are told in His Word that there is joy, in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, and we know that He richly rewards everyone for all the work they do in His name. The poet has said:

For every soul they led to Me,
They wear a jewel now,
And such their bright rewards shall be,
If such has been their deeds.

If thou hast led some wandering soul,
To paths of peace to lead,
If thou hast brought some wandering soul
To My bright Home of rest—
Thus in blessing those around,
Thou hast thyself been blessed.

—Mrs. B. M. Thomas.

REPORT OF FOURTH AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth Union meeting district was held with Friendship Church on August 29, 1943. The devotions were conducted by L. D. Braxton. The welcome address was made by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, and the response by Rev. L. B. Manning. An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $15.46.

Next thing on the program was the appointment of the various committees. The Banner Committee consisted of Rev. P. C. Wiggs, chairman, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, and L. D. Braxton. The Program Committee consisted of Mrs. J. C. Cobb, Mrs. E. E. Harrell and Mrs. Coral Tyson.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Wiggs. His subject was: "What Shall I Do When He Calls Me, and What Shall My Answer Be." His scripture text was taken from John 14: 31. After the sermon we were dismissed for lunch by Brother Wiggs.

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by W. E. Richardson. We were then favored with special music, and prayer. Rev. L. B. Manning then made a talk on the Sunday School work. The ministers present were then recognized. They were as follows: W. E. Richardson, C. D. Hamilton, P. C. Wiggs, and L. B. Manning.

Mrs. C. W. Burress was appointed to go to the next auxiliary meeting which convenes in September, and we are to send one dollar. An appeal was made on the behalf of Mr. Jim Reason who lost his packhouse by fire, and an offering was taken amounting to $28.19.

The Program and Banner Committees reported, and their reports were accepted with the Sunday School Banner going to Little Creek, Virginia. The Ladies Aid Banner went to Edgewood. We were entertained by the ladies of Antioch Church which was enjoyed by all very much. We were dismissed with song and prayer.

Mrs. A. L. Sumerlin, President,
Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

(See Auxiliary Program on page 10)

SOUND DOCTRINE

By Rev. William C. Kernan,
Director Christian Institute

Early Americans, who made history, were dogmatic about essential principles. They believed that the Ten Commandments were not debatable. They taught them as truth which is the same thing as saying that they taught them as dogmas. They are dogmas, and as such, they do not violate reason. They are apprehended by reason.

Our forefathers believed in the doctrine of the rights of man as a universal truth. We find Benjamin Franklin writing, "God grant that not only love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere and say, This is my country."

Upon analysis this is seen to be a very illuminating statement mainly because of Franklin's forthright assumption that there is a definite doctrine concerning the rights of man can be known, understood, and applied universally. Simply to have a love of liberty is not enough. For, liberty must be defined. It is defined by the doctrine of the rights of man. And it must be so defined because love of liberty, unenlightened and undisciplined by knowledge of the rights of man, can easily degenerate into uncontrolled desire for liberty for one's self only, or one's group, one's religion or one's race. It is precisely to the degree that we are filled with the knowledge of the rights of man that liberty is safe at all, simply because people possessing this knowledge will understand that the liberty which they desire for themselves belongs to others also.

In referring to the importance of knowledge, Franklin was dealing with a very essential matter which many of us entirely overlook. He meant that the doctrine of the rights of man is a universal truth in the same sense as the multiplication table is, so that whenever we find men who really know what the doctrine of the rights of man is we are bound to find men who recognize this doctrine as truth and act in accordance with it, in precisely the same way as we may expect people who know the multiplication table to recognize it as truth and to act in accordance with it. He meant that the doctrine of the rights of man is a truth that can be known by reason anywhere and everywhere in the world, and that democracy depends upon men's ability to know this truth and to live by it. When they do, liberty is safe—liberty for one and liberty for all—since all men are then secure in the rights to which the doctrine refers.

This truth, like the Ten Commandments, has a source. Its source is the Bible of which the American people once had considerable knowledge. This was due, in large part, to the persistence with which Christians taught its great principles as unfailing, universal, and reasonable truths. Christians must do this again. They can and they should be ready and eager to give a reason for the hope that is in them.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

In the beginning of these jots and dots, I wish to say, I am dedicating them to the children. I realize that quite a number of children read the church paper, that don't take time to read the Bible, especially the Old Testament. But a certain part of this will be very good for we older people to read and heed.

You will find what I am writing about in Exodus 20th chapter: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This is the first one of the Ten Commandments which is addressed to the Children of Israel. It is just as good for us today as it was for the children of Israel. Especially, should we parents refrain from putting anything between us and the Lord. Verse 5 plainly tells us that our sins are visited upon our children to the third and fourth generations. Verse 7 says "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." How sad it is, and how ugly it sounds to hear people cursing and swearing, and how much worse it sounds to hear it from little boys, some not even in their teen age.

Now if any little boy happens to read this and you have been cursing, I want you to read the remainder of verse 7. For fear you won't take time to read it, here is what the Lord says about boys and older men, too, who curse, "For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

We understand from the way the latter part of verse 7 reads that there is a penalty already attached to all who break this command.

Now the next command I wish to write about has a blessing attached to it, if we obey that command. Verse 12 says "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." I am sure most all the children would like to live to a ripe old age. People learning to cook generally go by the recipe, and learning to build they follow the blue print. So, if you children want to live a long time, follow God's advice and obey your parents, then you will be honoring them. Look for jots and dots next week and see what I have to say.—AMEN.

THE WATERING TROUGH

By J. E. Ellit

The road ran west from the little town
Among the hills, and up and down,
Then, winding through a little glade,
Fell into Beauty's ambuscade.

From rock outcropping like a wall
There sprang a tiny waterfall
Whose waters danced along a glen
Too peaceful for the world of men.

An iron pipe crossed empty air
Where it was placed with thoughtful care,
To bring cool water from the bank
Into a trough where horses drank.

There, while the tired horses stayed
Their thirst with water from the glade,
We felt that everything had blessed
The place where Beauty's feet had pressed.

—Our Dumb Animals.

THE NORFOLK REVIVAL TO BE HELD IN WOODMAN HALL IN SOUTH NORFOLK

The Reverend H. Edgar Harden and Rev. R. P. Harris are to conduct a revival meeting in the Woodman of the World Hall in South Norfolk, beginning on September 26 and running through October 10, 1943. The Hall is only one half block from the Street Car line, and is in the center of the business district of South Norfolk. It can be reached from any point in or around Norfolk by street car.

A cordial welcome is extended to everyone to attend these services for the two weeks' revival meeting. We are expecting to have a splendid meeting. Please pray unto the heavenly Father that many lost souls may be won to Christ Jesus.

TESTIMONIAL

Editor,

Free Will Baptist Paper,
Ayden, N. C.

Dear Sir:

It has recently come to my attention that Brother H. Edgar Harden has united with your body where he feels he will have an opportunity to do some constructive work preaching.

Brother Harden at one time served as my pastor and I learned to love him very much. At the time I was on the official board and obviously was in close contact with him, I found him a tireless worker and he was anxious at all times to cooperate and did.

Many times I have asked Brother Harden to conduct some service at other points which needed help and he gladly did so without exception and without pay.

I believe his heart is in the ministry, and I feel that the Lord will call him to fields where good work can be done. It is my feeling that we will hear much from Brother Harden in the years ahead. He is not only a good preacher, but a good minister and I sincerely believe he is a Christian gentleman.

With very good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

James L. Taylor

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ARE WE ASHAMED AS CHRISTIANS?

Are we Christians asked to speak for our Saviour? Are we to hold Him up to the world? It seems to me that we are to do that very thing. If we do not do this, I believe He will be ashamed of us when we come into His presence. We as Christians are to be a light to shine for our Master, no matter where we may be.

When Jesus left this world, and went back to the Father in heaven, He left His work in our hands to carry on until He comes back again. We are to remember that the fields are white today unto harvest, and Christians need to be very busy winning souls for Christ. But it seems that we are satisfied just to let things be as they are, for we do not work for our Father as we should.

There are so very many out in the cold world, lost in sin and doomed to eternal destruction, if they are not won to God before it shall be too late. It seems that we cannot have prayer meetings in our church, and yet we claim to be saved people. It seems that we are not interested enough to carry on the Lord's work for the salvation of lost souls.

Christ has said that it is not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of God who is in heaven. If we are really saved and interested in the saving of lost souls, we would put his work first in everything, unless sickness or something really serious happens that we are justified in putting it off.

I am not ashamed of speaking a word for God, or doing anything for the cause of Jesus, my Lord and Master. He saved me one day, but as long as we stand back and are ashamed, we will never get anywhere. We should wake up from our sleep and get to work for Jesus, for time is passing, and I think we will not have so much more time in which to work in these days of turmoil and strife. We should work and strive to lead the unsaved to Christ.

Remember, dear Christian friends, the Lord laid this on my heart to say it, and I hope it will be of some good to someone.

A Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Kirby West,
Dunn, N. C., Route 6

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE OPENED SEPTEMBER EIGHT

The Free Will Baptist Bible College opened its second session on September 8 with a capacity enrollment of thirty students coming from seven different states. Our present facilities are about taxed to the limit. Up until the present time we have sixteen men students and fourteen lady students. The students make up one of the most congenial and high type groups that you would find in any school this size in America. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in sending to the College just the students we believe He would have here. We are looking forward to this year being a great year in our school work.

Everyone of the last year students is back in school along with seventeen new students. We still have room for a very few more students and if you would be interested in enrolling immediately, we will make some special provision to accept you.

There are quite a few who have already made inquires concerning entering for the second semester's work. If you are contemplating coming for the last term of this year's work, the earlier you let us know the better it will be in order that we may make the necessary arrangements. Address all inquires to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennesee.

L. C. Johnson, President

AUXILIARY PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention to be held October 2, 1943, at Mt. Olive Church, Hallsboro, N. C.

Saturday Morning

9:30—Registration

9:40—Devotion by Mrs. Grace Hester

9:55—Welcome address by Mrs. J. E. Procter
—Response by Mrs. V. D. Brown

10:00—Remarks by President

10:15—Message by Rev. R. C. Rhodes

10:25—Reading of minutes, Roll call of churches

10:55—Special Music
—Appointment of committees

11:05—Report of First, Second and Third Vice-President
—Congregational singing led by Rev. W. L. Jernigan

11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Griffin

12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:15—Devotional by Mrs. Mary McPherson

1:30—Poem by Edna Wright

1:35—Special Music

1:40—Message by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Report of Fourth Vice-President
—Report of Fifth Vice-President

2:25—Orphanage news by Rev. J. A. Evans

2:40—Special Music
—Report of Sixth Vice-President
—Report of Field Worker
—Remarks by visiting delegates

2:55—Business unfinished or new
—Report of committee
—Report of Treasurer

3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the recent North Carolina State Association, it was voted that Home and Foreign Missions be joined into one organization, and the name be just "MISSIONS."

From now on, all funds raised for missions by our church people in the State of North Carolina are to go to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina. He was made State Treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board.

Therefore, you are to send your mission money to him at Ayden, and not to the former State Treasurer of Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF FIRST UNION MEETING

The First Union of the Western Association of North Carolina held its regular session with Holly Springs Church in Johnson County on August 28, 1943. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Bowen. Then the moderator declared the union open for the transaction of the business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches was called, and Rev. M. L. Hollis, who was present, was given a cordial welcome, and invited to a seat with us. Clarence Cuddington and J. W. Rollins were asked to serve on the Finance Committee today in the absence of the regular committee. Elder J. H. Worley made a brief report on the Orphanage work at Middlesex. An offering was taken amounting to $21.09.

After a song by the congregation, Rev. M. L. Hollis brought the eleven o'clock message which was enjoyed by all present. We then adjourned for lunch after the message.

In the afternoon the meeting was called to order and Rev. Tilden Renfrow conducted the devotions. The list of churches was then called. There was a motion made and carried for the union to buy a $25 stock in the Church Finance Corporation, and to pay $6.25 quarterly until the full amount is paid, and that W. F. Pittman be its legal representative in the meeting of the same. The quarterly payments is to begin today.

The union voted to send to the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, $60.00 as an endowment fund. This is also to be paid quarterly, beginning today and by sending $15.00 from this sitting of the union meeting.

Brother L. H. Boykin asked the union to give him a letter to the Second Union. His request was granted. Brother Isham Phillips was appointed as delegate to represent the First Union meeting at the State Association with $10 as contribution. At this time the Finance Committee and the Treasurer were asked to make their report.

The Report

On hand from last union	$ 27.72
Received today	64.50
Collection for the Orphanage	21.09
Total on hand	$113.31

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 45.00
Education	15.00
State Association	10.00
Church Finance Corporation, Incorporated	6.25
Union expenses	12.00
Disabled ministers	12.00
Total paid out	$100.25
Balance in the treasury	$ 13.06

The next union will be held with the church at Pine Level, Johnson County. A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

PROGRAM

This is the program of the Eastern Association to be held with Whaley's Chapel in Jones County on Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. F. E. Jones
—Welcome Address by Mr. Fountain Taylor
—Response by Rev. W. B. Everett
11:00—Moderator's Address
—Enrollment of officers, standing committees, delegates and visitors
—Appointment of special committees
11:30—Congregational singing
—Special music by local church or visitors
12:00—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Clinton Lupton
12:45—Recess for dinner

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00—Devotions by Rev. S. A. Smith
—Report of executive committee
Report of churches
3:00—Report of various committees Mission board, Home and Foreign, Temperance, Sunday School, Education, etc.
—Report of delegates to other Associations
—Miscellaneous business
4:00—Adjournment

Evening Services

8:30—Devotions by Rev. R. C. Kennedy
—Special Music by local church
8:45—Sermon—Speaker to be supplied

Thursday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
10:20—Reading of minutes of previous day
—Enrollment for second day
—Report of committee on resolutions
10:45—Auxiliary work by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
11:00—Report of Orphanage by Rev. James A. Evans, and special offering
11:30—Congregational Singing
—Devotions by Rev. W. E. Anderson
11:45—Sermon by Eld. Duffy Toler
12:30—Recess for dinner

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. J. R. Bennett
1:45—Report of ministerial character committee
—Report of Finance Committee and all other reports
2:00—Election of delegates to other associations
—Election of committees to fill vacancies of any standing committees
—Petitions for the next sessession
2:30—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment — Closing remarks and prayer

Committee:

Rev. David W. Hansley, Chairman,

Mr. E. M. Prescott,

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

REPORT OF UNION OF ROCK DALE ASSOCIATION

The Union meeting of the Rock Dale Association, that is, the Third Union, met with Mount Beulah Church on Saturday, August 28, 1943. The union opened by the congregation singing a hymn, and prayer was offered by Brother Eli Waters. Rev. H. B. Brown preached the Introductory sermon. His text was taken from Acts 26: 14. After the message the committees were appointed as follows: Devotional, Boyde Chavis, Mrs. Virginia Brown, Sarah Brown; the Sabbath School, Mrs. Elizabeth Frith, Mr. George Chavis, Eli Waters; Finance, Rev. J. B. Cook, J. H. Purdue, Henry Purvis. A motion was then passed to adjourn for dinner until 1:00 P. M.

The union opened by the congregation singing a hymn, and prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Purvis. His Scripture lesson was taken from the Psalms, the Twenty-Fourth chapter. A motion was made and carried to receive Cress Branch Church and her members in the Association under the watchcare until the Annual meeting. The reports of the ministers were heard as follows:

The following ministers were passed as good, or in good standing: Reverends H. S. Clark, J. B. Brown, Henry Purvis, J. B. Cook, J. H. Purvis, C. F. Dimery, and for T. S. Sweat to stand as he is now.

Retired ministers: Rev. J. S. Sessoms passed good. The report of the churches were as follows: Rock Dale Chapel represented by delegates with minute fund of $3.35; Mr. Beulah Church represented by delegate, and letter with minute fund for $5.60; Bethlehem Church represented by delegates, letter with minute fund $1.05; Oak Grove Church represented by delegates, letter with minute fund $2.50.

It was moved and carried that the committee retire and make their report. Rev. C. F. Dimery was appointed to preach on Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. Henry Purvis is to preach the Introductory sermon at the next union on Saturday at Bethlehem Church. It was moved and carried that the Finance Committee make their report.

The Report

On hand in the treasury	$22.18
Paid in at this union	12.59
Total	$34.77

Disbursements

Paid to Alex Brown, clerk	$ 1.50
Paid to Rev. R. L. Clark, editor and treasurer	2.00
Paid to Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator	1.50
Total	$ 5.00
Balance in the treasury	$29.77

A motion was carried to extend thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. Then a motion was passed that we adjourn this union until the next time in course.

Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator,
Alex Brown, Clerk

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

JESUS AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Lesson for October 3)

Lesson: Matt. 5: 17-20; 19: 16-22; John 5: 39, 40.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5: 17).

Centuries before the Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem, amidst the glad hosannas of the multitudes, the Prophet Zechariah, by the Spirit of the Lord, had foretold the event. He said, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9: 9). Only God knows the future. We do not know what any moment yet future will bring forth for us. The future, as well as the past, is ever before God. The Bible says, "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15: 18); "I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Is. 46: 9, 10).

As Zechariah's prophecy of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem upon the colt was fulfilled, so also was his prophecy of the sufferings and death of Jesus fulfilled. He said, "In that day there shall be a Fountain opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13: 1). Bless God for the open "Fountain." Bless God for its cleansing power! Since that cleansing Fount has been opened, the vilest, the most sinful, may plunge beneath its cleansing flood, and come forth perfectly whole! Bless God for the invitation given to earth's sin-stained myriads: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Is. 1: 18).

"There is a Fountain filled with Blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

Trying to keep the Ten Commandments will not save one soul. There is no one that can keep them all, and to break even one of them is to be guilty of breaking them all.

God saw that man could not keep the Ten Commandments, so He gave His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to die for us so that we might have everlasting life, and forgiveness of sins. The Law tells us what we may do and what we shall not do, but love and grace, and forgiveness of sins is shown through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The Heart of the Lesson

The rich young ruler illustrates the way salvation is missed. Possessing wrong conception of Jesus, he ap**proached Him as man and teacher** rather than as God and Saviour. Not understanding grace, he thought to inherit or earn salvation by good works. Ignorant of the Law's demands, he was overconfident as to personal righteousness and Law-keeping (James 2: 10). Closed to spiritual light, he desired just such light as would justify his course and refused light upsetting to his thinking. In self-will, he made wrong choice, choosing his way of salvation rather than God's way. He preferred to trust his works for salvation rather than Christ's work. He decided to stay under Law and rejected Grace. In pride, he went the way of the lost rather than the way of the unsaved. The Law demands a perfect man to bless, while Grace looks for sinners, condemned, helpless and hopeless, to save, sanctify, satisfy and glorify. A prince visited a great prison desiring to pardon one criminal. Every prisoner interviewed pleaded for pardon on the ground of unjust imprisonment, personal goodness, or promise to do better. One prisoner thanked the prince for life-imprisonment, stating that his crime deserved death. The prince said, "This is the man to whom I can extend grace." God saves by grace.

Jesus warned about the impossibility of anyone's being saved who trusted in riches for salvation. Riches can also cause loss of salvation by distracting, seemingly satisfying, keeping preoccupied, deceiving, and spiritually hardening. One asked a friend the value of a great mansion surrounded by fair and fertile fields. "I don't know its value, but I do know its cost," was the reply. The inquirer asked, "How much?" The friend replied, "His soul" (Matt. 16: 26). God is needed in the salvation of everyone, but especially those posessing riches (Matt. 19: 23-26).

Jesus assured that God's grace and power are sufficient to save anyone possessing earthly riches. He also taught that these earthly riches could be so used for God as to make certain Heavenly and eternal riches. A young millionaire accepted Christ as Saviour, then entered Christian service and so used his riches as to make them render earth-wide service for Christ before and after his death. Another present-day Christian has so arranged his business involving millions that profits beyond his legitimate family expense must be used for advancing Christ's cause.

Here is a truth all should learn, we as well as the rich young ruler.

A beautiful incident of his visit to a state convention in Minnesota is related by Mr. Ralph Wells. After one of the sessions a little girl stepped forward and presented him a small bouquet of ordinary flowers, doubtless the only one she could well procure at that season. He inquired why she gave him the bouquet. "Because I love you," the child answered. "Do you bring any little gift to Jesus?"

said Mr. Wells. "Oh," said the little child, "I give myself to **Him.**"—Biblical Museum.

Note to You: Make a list of Old Testament prophecies that Jesus fulfilled in His birth, life, and death. Show that He was the only Person who ever kept the Ten Commandments. Our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies will help you in getting the most out of this lesson.

PROGRAM

Program of the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists to convene with Loyal Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 7, 8 and 9, 1943.

Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotional Service to be conducted by the retiring moderator
9:20—Welcome Address by Pastor of Loyal Chapel Church
9:25—Response to the Welcome by Rev. V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala.
9:30—Reading of Church Letters and seating the delegates
—Seating of Corresponding Messengers and Visitors
10:15—Appointment of Committees by the Moderator
10:30—Moderator's Message
10:50—Devotional by Rev. G. W. Franks
11:05—Associational Message by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
—Lunch
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Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. J. P. Hudson, Hanceville, Ala.
1:45—Special Music by Sulphur Springs Quartette
1:50—Routine Business
3:00—Assignment of homes and dismissal

Thursday Evening

7:30—Devotional by Rev. G. P. Givens
8:00—Message by Rev. A. J. Burgess, Alabama City, Ala.

Women's Auxiliary Convention
(All Day)

Friday Morning

9:00—Registration
9:15—Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
9:20—Prayer, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.
9:25—Devotional, Miss Florene Sides, Cordova, Ala.
9:40—Welcome Address, Miss Leone Talbot, Columbia, Tenn.
9:45—Response, Wilma Keykendall, Sulphur Springs Church
9:50—Reading of Reports, Seating the Delegates and Visitors
—Appointment of Committees by President
10:20—Special Music, Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Mrs. Marie Hyatt
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
10:45—First Vice-President's Report, Mrs. T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.
10:50—Second Vice-President's Report, Miss Theo Woods, Berry, Ala.
10:55—Third Vice-President's Report, Miss Leone Talbot, Columbia, Tenn.
11:00—Special Music, by Sulphur Springs Quartette
—Message, Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Nashville, Tenn.
—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
1:45—Minutes by Recording Secretary
1:50—Fourth Vice-President's Report, Mrs. Vandell Mitchell, Cordova, Ala.
1:55—Fifth Vice-President's Report, Mrs. Nell Clements, Parrish, Ala.
2:00—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Willia Mae Petty, Parrish, Ala.
2:05—Special Music, Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes
2:10—Missionary Play, Loyal Chapel Women's Auxiliary
2:40—Report of All Committees
3:00—Election of Officers, Miscellaneous Business
3:30—Adjournment

Friday Evening

7:30—Devotional by Rev. J. B. Bloss
8:00—The Educational Program of Free Will Baptists by Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist College

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. T. B. Lee
9:15—Routine Business
10:55—Devotional by Rev. J. S. Ricketts
11:05—Message by Rev. Damon C. Dodd
—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. A. J. Lambert
1:45—Final Reports of Committees
2:15—Uunfinished Business
—Appointment of State Association Delegates
—Ordination Service
—Election of Officers for the ensuing year
—Appointment of Boards and Committees for the ensuing year
4:00—Special singing and adjournment

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES AS FOLLOWS

Quarterly Conference Saturday, September 18, 1943, at Mount Beulah church about 8 p. m.

Quarterly Conference Saturday, September 25, 1943, at Rock Dale Chapel church about 3 p. m.

Quarterly Conference Saturday, September 25, 1943, at oak grove church about 8 p. m.

Quarterly Conference Saturday, October 2, 1943, at Bethlehem church about 3 p. m.

Quarterly Conference Saturday, October 2, 1943, at Cross Branch church about 8 p. m.

The Annual Conference Saturday, October 16, 1943, at Oak Grove church.

Dinner on the grounds and everybody welcome to come and visit the Conference. Dinner free to all.

Boys and Girls Corner

THE FAIRY BROOK

When the children came to grandfather's for the summer, little starry-eyed Elizabeth chose the tiny southern chamber for her own, because she could look out the window, across the meadow, and see Fairy Brook.

"Why did they call it 'Fairy Brook,' grandmother?" she asked. "Do you really suppose someone saw really, true fairies there some time, playing in the water?"

"Perhaps," laughed grandmother, as she hurried back and forth in the sunny kitchen; "suppose you and Lester go and see."

The children played all the morning by the brook. "We are going to call it our playground," said Elizabeth, "and play there this summer."

What fun they did have there! They watched the little minnows that swam by and threw them cracker crumbs to eat. They planted forget-me-nots and water cress by the borders of the brook, and made friends with a turtle who took his sun bath every day on a big flat rock right in the middle of it.

But try as they would they could never see the fairies that they were sure must be there. "Grandmother says it is called 'Fairy Brook' because it is so pretty," said Elizabeth, "but Lester, I almost just know that lots of things are there we can't see. I wish the turtle could talk and tell us of what goes on when we are not here."

Lester pushed his hair from his eyes and smiled at Elizabeth. "We'll get up before the day is here," he said. "May be we can surprise the fairies then."

"Oh, no, Lester," said Elizabeth. "Don't you know the fairies always go before the day comes? We must come by moonlight."

Two nights after that Elizabeth woke. The moonlight made everything seem as bright as day. She jumped out of bed and dressed hurriedly and called Lester. "Let's go to Fairy Brook," she said, " and perhaps we will see the fairies in the moonlight."

They stole softly down the stairs and out of the door, just as the big clock in the kitchen struck two. "How strange it is to be out here awake when all the world is asleep!" whispered Elizabeth.

But all the world is not asleep. As they came nearer to Fairy Brook there was a rustle and a crash as a mother doe and her two baby fawns leaped out of the brook, and rushed back to the forest. Elizabeth and Lester looked at each other with eyes big with wonder.

"The dear things," whispered Elizabeth. "We will leave some salt on the old stump tomorrow night. Grandfather says deer like salt as much as we like candy. "Oh, Lester! think of having deer for pets! Isn't it just wonderful!"

Mother Deer and her fawns found the salt, the apples, and the other good things that Elizabeth and Lester left for them. At first they came only at night, but one day when the children had been very still watching the minnows for some time, Elizabeth caught sight of a pair of bright eyes watching them from a bush. "Oh," she said, "look, Lester, but keep very still."

After that they put things on the stump in the daytime, and if they kept very still, Mother Deer would come and take them, but it was a long time before she would let the babies come, too. At last they grew so friendly that they came every morning for the breakfast the children always had ready for them, and Mother Deer would let gentle Elizabeth lay her hand against her soft, furry side, and the baby fawns would lick Lester's hand with their slender pink tongues.

When it was time to go home in the fall, grandfather promised to see they had their breakfast all winter. "When you come again next summer," he said, "if they are fed all through the winter and spring, they will be waiting for you."

"After all," said Elizabeth, "it was a Fairy Brook. I don't believe things like that happen at most brooks."

"No," laughed grandfather, "I don't believe they do."—Anne Altha Singleton in Advance.

THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

"Your Reasonable Service"
Read Romans 12

Our happiness and our usefulness in life depend much upon the extent to which we love others and are willing to suffer inconvenience and hardship to help them. It means more than marching down the street behind the band. When a lady we know was asked what she would rather be than anything else in the world, she replied, "A returned missionary." Exactly! But that which makes the missionary happy is the knowledge of his many years of unselfish service.

Lord, may we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
—Clipped

THE GRATEFUL HEART

"Rejoice in the Lord Alway"
Read Philippians 4: 1-13

Yesterday we talked of singing. Here is a recent experience of a ministerial friend. He called to see a young girl who was a sufferer from infantile paralysis and bed-ridden. Outside, the happy laughter of other children at play could be heard. The plight of the child deeply affected the minister who asked the child if she had a favorite hymn he might sing. Gleefully she clapped her hands and said: "That will be grand; please sing my favorite hymn. It is:

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

We thank Thee, Father, for the courage that refuses to be crushed. Amen.
—Clipped

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that a series of meetings will begin at Grimsley's Church in Greene County, near the town of Snow Hill, on the Second Sunday night in October, 1943. The

meeting will be conducted by Rev. P. C. Wiggs of Fountain, North Carolina.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening. We are looking forward to having a fine spiritual revival. Please pray much for the success of the meeting.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
M. A. Woodard, Pastor

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

"My Cup Runneth Over"
Read Psalm 23

A man phoned a minister and made an appointment to meet him in the church at a certain time next day. The minister arrived to find an elderly couple—both in their seventies—awaiting him. The old man lead the others to the front of the church, pulled out his watch, and said: "Fifty years ago, right to the minute, this dear Lady and I stood at this spot and were united in marriage. We have had fifty years of happy married life and we have journeyed from California for this one reason, that we might kneel at this rail and thank God for His goodness to us."

Father, Thou hast revealed Thy nature through the tender affection of those who have been our daily companions. Amen.
—Clipped

BLACK JACK REVIVAL MEETING

The Annual series of evangelistic meetings are scheduled to begin at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church Sunday evening, October 3, with evangelist M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Ala., doing the preaching. Rev. Hollis is not a stranger at the Black Jack church, having conducted two revivals there heretofore.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin will have charge of the music. A choir is being trained for the special series of meetings by the pastor.

Christians of all denominations are invited to join in to help save the lost of the community. "Our 'Motto,'" says the Pastor, "Is salvation, then church membership to suit the convert."

ANNOUNCEMENT

If there are any churches without pastors that desire my services, I will be glad to serve any church on the First, Second or Fourth Sundays for the coming year.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the ministering servants everywhere, and that the coming year may be a great one for the salvation of lost souls.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
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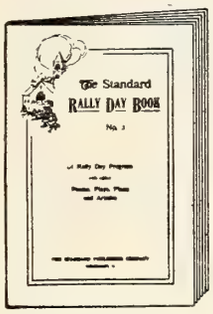
That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. Job 34: 32.

Rally Programs---Promotion Souvenirs

Standard Rally Day Book No. 3



By Helen Welshimer and Helen Lyons

Part One contains a sixteen-page Rally Day Service entitled "The Spirit of Worship" (see description below), and Part Two consists of miscellaneous poems, plans, plays and articles—the two parts making a book of forty pages. The material in Part Two was assembled and edited by Miss Lyons, whose similar work in other services has met with much appreciation. Price, 25c.

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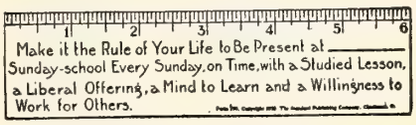

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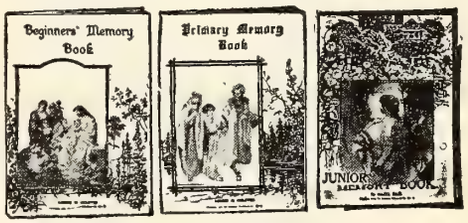

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Wednesday, September 22, Branch Chapel, Johnston county.

Thursday, September 23, Stancil Chapel, Johnston county.

Friday, September 24, Piney Grove, Johnston county.

Saturday, September 25, New Sandy Hill, Wilson county.

Sunday, September 26, Mt. Zion, Wilson county.

Monday, September 27, Milbourney, Wilson county.

Tuesday, September 28, Floods Chapel, Nash county.

Wednesday, September 29, White Oak Hill, Nash county.

Thursday, September 30, Mt. Zion, Nash county.

Friday, October 8, Belhaven, Beaufort county.

Saturday, October 9, Free Union, Beaufort county.

Sunday, October 10, Shiloh, Beaufort county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 10, Saratoga, Wilson county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, October 15, Malachi's Chapel, Tyrrell county

Saturday, October 16, Gum Neck, Tyrrell county.

Sunday, October 17, Sound Side, Tyrrell county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 17, Rocky Mount, Edgecombe county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, October 22, Dawson's Grove, Halifax county.

Saturday, October 23, Hickory Chapel, Hertford county.

Sunday, October 24, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 24, King's X Roads, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, October 29, Corinth, Martin county,

Saturday, October 30, Mt. Olive, Washington county.

Sunday, October 31, Mt. Tabor, Washington county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 31, Greenville, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, November 5, Howell's Swamp, Greene county.

Saturday, November 6, Free Union, Greene county.

Sunday, November 7, Hull Road, Greene county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 7, Harrell's Chapel, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, November 12, Ayden, Pitt county.

Saturday, November 13, Black Jack, Pitt county.

Sunday, November 14, Rose Hill, Pitt county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 14, Maury, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, November 19, Spring Branch, Greene county.

Saturday, November 20, St. Delight, Greene county.

Sunday, November 21, Little Creek, Greene county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 21, Grimsley, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, November 26, Winterville, Pitt county.

Saturday, November 27, Reedy Branch, Pitt County.

Sunday, November 28, Piney Grove, Pitt County, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 28, Friendship, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

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God's trails lead home,
To home beyond the blue,
To yon fair land
Where all is real and true.

God's trails lead home,
The home of endless day,
The land of peace
Where sun shines on for aye.

God's trails lead home
To where our loved ones dwell,
Where Jesus reigns
And heavenly anthems swell.

God's trails lead home,
The home of timeless years,
The land of love,
Where all unknown are tears.

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Ayden, N. C., September 29, 1943

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Greenville, N. C.

ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Albemarle Sunday School Convention met at Malachi's Chapel Church, August 29, 1943.

Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. W. A. Hales. After the devotions and remarks by the President the ministers present were recognized, who were, Rev. R. C. Alexander, Rev. W. A. Hales and Rev. T. F. Davenport of the district. Rev. D. W. Alexander, Rev. J. A. Evans and Rev. G. C. Wood visiting ministers. The minutes of last convention were read and approved. The list of Sunday Schools were called and those represented were as follows.

	For Orph.	For Conv.
Malachi's Chapel	$ 44.90	$1.00
Sound Side	50.00	.50
Mt. Tabor	19.00	1.00
Mt. Zion	3.00	
Union Chapel	2.00	.50
Free Union	30.00	.50
Sidney	3.50	.50
Elizabeth City	28.84	1.00
Gumneck	12.41	5.00
Shilo	4.50	.50
Hickory Chapel	15.00	2.00
Union Grove	4.50	.50
Total	$217.65	$13.00

After the list of Sunday Schools were called and special music was rendered, Rev. J. A. Evans preached the conventional sermon. At this time there was a public offering taken for the orphanage which amounted to $64.30. Making a total to day for the orphanage of $281.95. The convention was dismissed for lunch and recreation.

At 1:15 o'clock the afternoon devotions were led by Bro. C. A. Voliva. Business was resumed. A motion was made and met with a 2nd to not open a session of the union while the convention is in session. (Reports that do not reach the Union time enough to be turned in on Saturday will be received on Sunday and the church will be given credit for the same.) Motion was carried. A motion was made and met with a second to have one thousand report blanks printed, and the blanks be made like unto those used by the State Sunday School Convention, with information space provided necessary for the standard Sunday School. Motion was carried. There were several special numbers rendered through the day that was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the convention. There being no other business to come before the convention there was a motion made to adjourn to meet with Sound Side on the fifth Sunday in October.

D. H. Furlough, President
Alonza L. Reynolds, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

If there are any churches without pastors that desire my services, I will be glad to serve any church on the First, Second or Fourth Sundays for the coming year.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the ministering servants everywhere, and that the coming year may be a great one for the salvation of lost souls.

Rev. B. F. Ringgold,
New Bern, N. C.
Route 1, Box 2

Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.

—Canon Westcott.

EDITORIAL

MRS. CURTIS WRITES—

Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis, of West Frankfort, Illinois, writes again to the Baptist paper after recovering from quite a long illness. Her recent article, in the form of a sermonette, occurs in this issue of our church paper. The Baptist readers will be pleased, we feel quite sure, to read this good message.

Mrs. Curtis was a frequent contributor to the Baptist paper before she became ill during the summer and had to undergo a serious operation. Many of the readers of the paper derived much good from her articles which were carefully prepared and arranged for publication in the Baptist paper. May the subscribers look forward to seeing spiritual messages from her in the paper from time to time, and enjoy reading her gospel messages as they appear in the church paper.

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REVEREND CRAWFORD IN NORTH CAROLINA—

The Reverend R. B. Crawford, of Ashland City, Tennessee, is attending the conventions and associations in North Carolina at this time in the interest of the National work. He is, as many know, now the Executive Secretary of the National Association, having been elected in the last association to succeed Reverend L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro. Brother Ennis resigned due to failing health.

Brother Crawford is a splendid Christian gentleman, and is from all considerations indeed competent to succeed Brother Ennis to this important position. Brother Crawford is a well trained young man, holding degrees from one of the outstanding Universities of the South. We are wishing for him much success in his work while he is in the State of North Carolina, and wherever he goes among the churches in the different states to advance the cause of righteousness in the capacity of the Executive Secretary of the National Association. It is expected that the ministry and the laity of the church will extend to him every courtesy, and will co-operate with him in advancing the cause of the National work among Free Will Baptists.

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STATE AND DISTRICT MEETINGS—

During the next two months there will be quite a number of District and State meetings which will be held in the several states among Free Will Baptists. In North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and some of the other states, State and District associations and Auxiliary Conventions will hold their annual and semi-annual meetings for the furtherance of the work of the church in their localities.

There seems to be a decided increase of interest shown on the part of many church leaders concerning the District, State and National organizations. Progressive measures will be launched, we believe, in many of these annual and semi-annual bodies for the cause of righteousness. Greater financial support will be given, let us hope, in these meetings for the general cause of the church than has ever been given before by such bodies. As a result the different outstanding phases of the work of the church; namely, Christian education, superannuation, orphanage work, missions and benevolences will receive larger donations than has been the case in the past.

There is a forward look for the whole church to move forward with a greater zeal than ever before, and to be enabled to do a larger work as the years pass. Certainly, the need is great and the opportunity is now given for the whole church to move forward with the purpose to strengthen every phase of the work for the cause of Christ Jesus. The ministry is more united, the Women's work of the church is growing in strength all the while, and the Sunday Schools are moving forward with great success. The local churches are becoming more alert concerning the support of the whole program of the State and National work, hence the outlook is gratifying, and the future seems to hold in store for the denomination bright prospects for a greater church for the glory of God.

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NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS—

We want to express our appreciations to those who have made it possible to increase greater than ever before the subscriptions to the Baptist paper for the month of September of this year, 1943. Never before have we had as many new and renewal subscriptions during the month of September than we have had this time. Certainly, the Baptist readers will rejoice with us because of this fact, and we believe they will not stop with this good increase but will seek to make the months of October, November and December of this year even better.

May we suggest that every pastor, every local Auxiliary worker, every Sunday School superintendent, and other alert church workers get busy, and secure splendid lists of subscriptions between now and Christmas. We want to increase the circulation one thousand (1,000) more by the first of January, 1944. We believe that it can be done if the church leaders will do their part in their local churches.

For example, five hundred (500) of this number can be very easily secured in the State of North Carolina if each of the churches will rally to this call. Certainly, the sister states can amply secure the other five hundred (500) subscriptions through the Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries, and League organizations. We are urging, therefore, all pastors, Auxiliary workers, Sunday School officials and League workers to rally to this cause, and let us see if we can increase our subscription roll one thousand more by the end of this year.

The extra one thousand subscribers will be greatly benefitted by having the paper in their homes, and the Free Will Baptist Press will be helped by the fifteen hundred dollars ad-

(See **Editorial** on page 11)

Looking Back

Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis,
209 East St. Louis Street,
West Frankfort, Illinois

St. Luke 9: 62, "And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God . . ."

As Jesus and His disciples journeyed toward Jerusalem on this last occasion, when He would be delivered to the Jews and crucified, the multitudes followed Him and listened to the gracious words that He spoke. Many of them, swayed by emotion, as they gazed upon His face, and the faces of the devoted disciples, felt a longing in their hearts to become also a follower of Christ. When Jesus heard their desires, and realized how shallow the determination of some of them were, He answered them in plain words, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath nowhere to lay His head." To another who wanted first to stay at home until a father, so aged, that already in the oriental mind, he was a dead man, was buried; he said "Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and preach the Kingdom of God." And to another who expressed a wish to return home and bid farewell to his kindred before becoming a follower of the Lord, Jesus spoke the words of the text, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom."

In the 51st verse of this same chapter we read concerning Jesus, ". . . He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." There was no looking back though He was fully aware that reproach, humiliation, suffering, and death awaited Him in Jerusalem. Out of His own heart's experience, His words were at once a yearning, pleading, invitation to follow Him, and a warning that the things which lay behind them would be more pleasing to the flesh than the things which were ahead. The call to discipleship is a challenge. To the strong only, you ask? Not necessarily, for to the weak He will give strength, and to the fainthearted, courage. The invitation is "Whosoever will let him take up his cross and follow me." But the Master demands of those who will be His followers that they do not look back.

Israel looked back, and lusted after the flesh pots they had left in Egypt, and they failed to enter the Promised Land. Only Caleb and Joshua of that generation, who steadfastly kept their eyes upon the Grapes of Eschol, the milk and honey, the rich, fertile land of Canaan, were able to enter in.

Lot's wife looked back upon the city that was even then being destroyed by the wrath of God, and became a pillar of salt.

Demas looked back at the pleasures and allurements of the world and had the record of his failure written by Paul to Timothy, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." (II Timothy 4: 10).

There is no victory while looking back. A lady remarked to me some few days ago, "I do not like to listen to . . . (a certain evangelist who has a daily broadcast)." All he does is tell of his terrible past life; dwells continually on the fact that he was once a criminal, a drunkard, a dope fiend, etc." Paul, the Apostle, who might well remember the bleeding, dying, martyr Stephen, and many others who were imprisoned or slain at his command, says humbly, but with determination, "Forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus." A continual looking back, though it may be with loathing, at a former life of rebellion and sin, can only dim the glorious glow of present blessings which is shed into the heart by the light of salvation.

To be a consecrated follower of Jesus, may mean a more humble home, a smaller bank account, persecution, and misunderstanding of friends and even loved ones. A friend, who has the qualities of great leadership, and the opportunity of such, remarked in my presence, "I have a weakness for making money; not necessarily to hoard it, but I love to make it." It is with great disappointment that those who recognize these qualities and know how badly they are needed in God's service, now must see them expended in the fulfilling of the desire "to make money." To those who would follow Him, Jesus said, "There will be times when it would be more pleasant to look back; old friends and companions will call to come back to them; former customs and habits will beckon you to return; loved ones may refuse to go with you and have a backward pull—but 'he that putteth his hand to the plow and looking back, is not fit for the Kingdom of God.' "

A yielded, surrendered life, will not have a backward look. There is great need among the followers of Jesus that the life that has been given in place of death, be surrendered and consecrated to the service of God. "We that were once dead in trespasses and sins hath He quickened . . ." We could only come then, as a lost, undone, doomed, dead (spiritually) sinner. But now made alive from the dead, we may come as "priests of God," and offer the sacrifice of our own selves upon the altar. In Romans 12: 1 Paul says, "I beseech you, therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies, a LIVING SACRIFICE . . ." If after hearing the call of Jesus to discipleship as those who heard Him speak on the road to Jerusalem, we would go steadfastly onward without a backward look, we shall certainly reach the Altar of Consecration.

"Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest, and have peace and sweet rest
As you yield Him your body and soul."

If the body is "on the Altar" the ears will not listen to the speech and

call of the world; the eyes will not see the glitter and gleam of the worldly allurements, or enjoy the sinful sights which will be thrust before their gaze; the hands will not handle the filthy, ungodly things of the world; the heart will not crave to indulge in sin, but there will be a constant desire to "grow in grace, and in knowledge of the Lord, Jesus Christ."

Any farmer will admit as true the statement that no man can plow a straight furrow who is constantly casting his gaze backward. Neither can any follower of the Lord render true, unbiased, wholehearted, service to Him while "Looking Back . . ." We are admonished to "Look unto Jesus the Author and Finished of our faith" to "set our affections on things above and not on the things of this earth." "Unto them who LOOK for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." In the words of the poem, then,

Cast your eyes upon Jesus,
Look long at His wonderful face,
Things of this world will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His Glory and Grace.

FREE WILL PASTOR DELIVERS FAREWELL

The Rev. W. A. Hales, pastor of St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church for the last two years, delivered his farewell sermon to a capacity house Sunday night. Mr. Hales is leaving to pastor Free Will Baptist Churches in Tyrrell County.

Speaking on the topic, Remember, Mr. Hales recalled his first visit to Elizabeth City and his dark and happy days in his pastorate here.

"I would like to be remembered as one who humbly served you to the best of his ability and tried to bring you closer to God," he told his congregation.

Stressing the prophet's order, "Remember now thy Creator," he said, "There will never be a time when you won't need the grace of God to sustain you. There will never be a moment when you won't need the touch of God. We are living in so fast an age that we forget God, our dependence on Him and our duty to Him. Remember, all the days of your life, that God is your Creator, preserver and Saviour."

A letter of appreciation from the church for Mr. Hales' services was read by B. W. Sawyer. The letter pointed out the growth of the church under Mr. Hales' leadership, a growth marked by tripling of the Sunday School enrollment and church membership and a big increase in the finances. Tribute was paid to his untiring efforts to further the progress of the church and regret was expressed at his leaving.

The Rev. I. S. Richmond, Dr. E. H. Potts and the Rev. C. C. Crawford, speaking in behalf of the City Ministerial Association, lauded Mr. Hales' splendid cooperation and efforts in all matters undertaken by the organization. Mr. Crawford said, "He was always willing to take part in and pull his full share of the load. It is with deep regret that I see him leave the city."

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RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

When the Reverend W. A. Hales came to our church, we were having only half-time services each week—preaching only two Sundays to the month. When Brother Hales came, he began his services with us on full-time basis. We have not only been able to continue on full-time basis, but also we have seen a steady increase in the interest and activities of the whole church.

In the first place, the enrollment and attendance of the Sunday School, together with the offerings of the School, have more than thribbled. This applies also to the Young People's Leagues in our church.

At the time Brother Hales began his pastoral work here, there was only one circle of the Women's Auxiliary active, but now, after twenty-two months of his pastorate, we have re-organized the other circle. Both of these are doing and have done through the year an outstanding and commendable work. They have made substantial contributions not only to the benevolent work of the local church, but also supported in a very substantial way our State Six-Point Program, including the raising of goodly sums of money for our Orphanage work, superannuation, foreign and home missions, Christian education, church building and finance.

Our church has grown not only in membership, but also in a financial way, as has been shown in the paragraph above. The budget has increased to more than $2,300.00 per year. Moreover, money is being raised at the present time for a building fund.

Aside from these growths, I have mentioned, Brother Hales has worked tirelessly and successfully in helping the church to acquire church property that is of far more material value to us, and a much better location for our people in the town of Elizabeth City.

And now to you, Brother Hales, on the behalf of the Sunday School, the Young People's League, the Women's Auxiliary, and the entire church, we wish to take this method to express our sincere appreciations to you for your never failing and untiring work while you were our pastor. We want you to know that during the past two years we have learned to love you, and that you and your family will always have a place in our hearts. We pray God's blessings upon you wherever you may go.

Signed:
V. W. Sawyer,
J. A. Smith,
Elizabeth Eason,
Mrs. J. W. Copeland

ANNOUNCEMENT

The revival meeting will begin at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run on Sunday night, October 3rd, with Rev. David Hansley doing the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Services will begin at 8 o'clock each night.

Walter King

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

PROSPECT AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Prospect Church met Friday evening on September 3, at the home of Mrs. R. K. Cannaday. Mrs. H. E. Dorman opened the meeting by reading from the sixth chapter of First Timothy. Mrs. Florrie C. Leod led us in a word of prayer, after which we sang hymn, "Trusting Jesus." We then read and discussed our lesson for the month, which proved to have been very interesting. We had another prayer by Mrs. L. T. Kennedy.

We entered into the business session next. The roll was called and twelve members were present and two visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Activities

Dues received	$3.61
Birthday offering	$1.16
From sale of flavoring	$4.75

The treasurer then read to us her report for the past three months. The various activities for the past month are as follows: Quarts of milk given, 17; Bible chapters read, 125; sick visits, 6. A motion was carried to send $7.15 to the National Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee.

Instead of the accustomed refreshments, we had a special prayer for the boys in the armed forces of our country. We then sang, "'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and Mrs. H. E. Dorman pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. H. E. Dixon, Secretary

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GOD'S BLESSINGS

The Master of the sea and of the whole universe has been so gracious to me that I would like to acknowledge Him through the columns of our church paper.

It has been the writer's privilege to have so many gospel messages of late until it has been a real soul feast to me. I want to express it in these words, "Praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord." One outstanding blessing, which I would like to mention is the goodness of the Lord which enabled me to attend the State Association on Thursday. Brother J. W. Alford brought the associational sermon. One of his main thoughts was for the church or the Christian people to "go forward." They are not to let up at any time. His message contained plenty of spiritual food for everyone to be encouraged to go forward in the kingdom work.

Just before the close of the program Thursday, we drove over to the Orphanage, and in our party were two women from Rooty Branch Church, who had never visited the Home before. All of us were well pleased with the work being done there at the Home.

I should like to say, for the benefit of the larger girls, that they were utilizing the left-overs in a good way in the preparation of the evening meal. It reminded me of the word of our Lord when he had fed the five thousand, when He said to his disciples, "Take ye up the fragments that nothing be lost." I should like to say in conclusion that the Home was in the best condition I have ever witnessed.

Yours in the name of Jesus,
Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

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PALMETTO CHAPEL L. A. S. REPORT

(October, 1942, through September 1943)

On hand	$ 25.37
Regular dues	10.85
Birthday dues	4.22
Sunday egg money	62.63
Total	$103.07

Disbursements

On Bible School Piano Fund	$ 2.50
Song books and hand books	4.39
Flowers to hospital	2.00
Spreads for the church pulpit	4.72
Sent to the conventions	5.00
Postage	.09
To the Orphanage Concert Class	15.00
Total	$33.70
Balance in the treasury	$69.37
Received in the Jehoiada Chest Fund	$4.04
Chapters read in the Bible	1089
Sick visits	163
Trays	25
Flowers sent	27

Ardell Wilson, Secy.-Treas.

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WEST CLINTON L. A. S. REPORT

The Ladies Aid society of West Clinton Church met at the church last Friday night, and the devotional services were conducted by several of the members. The opening song used was, "Trust and Obey." Others who took part on the program were Mesdames Joe Parson, Walter Crumpler, Carl Dudley, J. L. Tew, R. L. Tew and Miss Rosetta Peavey.

Several cards, flowers and trays had been sent to the sick. Also several visits had been made to the sick. The chapters read in the Bible were 125.

The attendance upon the meeting was very small.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson, President,
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Secretary

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GUM NECK AID REPORT

Our society met at the church for its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon before the third Sunday in September. The meeting opened with a song. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. J. Everton. It was a lesson on God's warning against covetousness. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dorcas Meekins.

At the end of the devotions, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the roll was called, and each member answer-

ed to her name with a verse from the Bible. The dues collected were $3.10. It was moved and carried that we send $20.00 to Rev. James A. Evans for the adopted boy by our Aid Society, and also that we send $4.50 for superannuation, and $4.25 for foreign missions.

Activities

Bible chapters read	84
Flowers given	4
Trays taken to the sick	10
Sick visits	30

The next meeting will be on October 12. The benediction was by the president.

Mrs. Amanda Parrisher, Secy.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

While reading the Bible a while back, I happened to read St. Matthew 19: 24, where Christ was telling his disciples, (concerning a certain young man Christ had been talking to who was gone away, verse 22): "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." You will find that Christ used the exact words in St. Mark 10: 25, while in St. Luke 18: 25, instead of saying the eye of a needle, He said a needle's eye. I don't think by the words being changed around that it changed the meaning of what Christ really meant.

I have heard it argued that there was a very low gate in the wall of Jerusalem that a camel could not go through without getting down on his knees. This gate was called "the needle eye." I think if Christ had meant this low gate in Matthew 19: 24 or Mark 10: 25, He would have said it this way, "It is easier for a camel to go through 'the needle eye,' etc." But when he said the eye of A NEEDLE, that did not signify some particular needle, while in St. Luke 18: 25 he spoke of it in the possessive case A NEEDLE'S EYE. If it was the low gate as some claim that it was, why did Christ use the possessive case? And why do some people try to twist and turn the Scripture about to suit themselves?

I have heard an old proverb, something like this, "Cut the garment according to the cloth." Now, I think it would be good advice, even tho I do give that advice, to cut our garments according to the pattern, but be sure that our pattern is designed, or cut by Jesus Christ. If we will study, as Paul told Timothy to study, to show ourselves approved of God (not of man) rightly dividing the word of truth (the Bible), we need not be misled when some people quote Scripture to suit their own ideas.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the recent North Carolina State Association, it was voted that Home and Foreign Missions be joined into one organization, and the name be just "MISSIONS."

From now on, all funds raised for missions by our church people in the State of North Carolina are to go to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina. He was made State Treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board.

Therefore, you are to send your mission money to him at Ayden, and not to the former State Treasurer of Home and Foreign Missions.

HOMECOMING DAY

The Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Free Union Church on the First Sunday in October. All former pastors, friends, etc., are invited to attend. The program will begin at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, and dinner will be served at the noon hour. A special afternoon session and baptismal services will be observed. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Thomas E. Beaman, Pastor

SUPERANNUATION

The Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer, Lucama, N. C., sends the following letter:

September 24, 1943.

Dear Friends:

I come to you with a message about our DISABLED and RETIRED Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina.

As you no doubt know, The Board of Superannuation has been asked by the State Association to solicit the support of our people in providing for our DISABLED and RETIRED ministers in this State.

In the recent session of the State Association your Board was able to make the best report that it has ever made, however, the State Association did not feel that we are yet doing all that we can for Superannuation. So the Association took steps to encourage greater support of the work.

The Association adopted a CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS to govern the Board in its work. It also passed a Resolution asking our people to give more liberally to SUPERANNUATION through the State Board.

We have at present eighteen (18) DISABLED and RETIRED ministers. our Board hopes to raise not less than $2,000.00 to be paid to these ministers this year. Are you willing to help raise this amount for them?

In the North Carolina SIX-POINT PROGRAM, October is SUPERANNUATION month. Please take this matter up with your CHURCH and send your contribution to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Box 83, Lucama, North Carolina.

Thanking you in advance for the support that I believe you will give to this worthy cause, I am,

Yours to serve,

M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

Superannuation

A new set-up of Superannuate was enacted by the State Association, which is in line with the set-up of the National Association, in the 1943 session. By this new work, Rev. M. L. Johnson becomes the new Chairman-Treasurer. So, as October is Superannuation month, according to our Six-Point Program, all money collected for the month of October should be sent to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.

Let every pastor and his congregation begin the very first of the month to collect — really ask for OFFERINGS for SUPERANNUATION. Let every one strive to make this the greatest OFFERING ever made for any object.

The Eastern Auxiliary

The Eastern North Carolina District Auxiliary Convention which was held at Union Chapel Church, near Chocowinity, last week, was one of the best. The attendance was not as large as some of the past Conventions, but some very good things were done. The Convention pledged through local auxiliaries, $100.00 to apply on the library at the Bible College, in Nashville, Tennessee, a part of which was paid in cash. With the regular donation for the adopted boy at the Orphanage $74.35 was given to that institution.

Rev. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association was a visitor and he was given a place on the program to place the National Program before the convention. Also, Rev. James A. Evans, according to the printed program filled his place on the program with "Report from the Orphanage."

Rev. M. L. Hollis, who is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the Sandy Plain church in Duplin county was also a visitor and made the usual remarks, upon invitation, by saying, "I am happy to be here," with the "etc."

There was a special program, woven into the regular program, in keeping with the theme for the day, which was Temperance, by the Bridgeton Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, which was very helpful to all.

A temperance report was adopted in which the Convention voted to join with other temperance organizations to fight the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. These women went further, and stated, as it is on record, that they "would not support any candidate for office who was in favor of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages." If, all the women of the United States had the same kind of religion as that body, according to their words and vote, the "wets" would have a hard time of getting into office in this country.

Drinking Is on Increase

North Carolina, the Eastern part, has gone ahead of its previous record in drinking hard liquor. The figures for the East (just twenty-five wet counties)—and it is alarming to sane thinkers.

According to figures just given out, the gross sales of liquor through the ABC stores, were $22,297,524.25 for the year ending June 30, which was an INCREASE of $9,054,880.70 over the previous year. The "wets" boast of the revenue received by the sale of liquor, but to my mind, it is A SHAME and a DISGRACE to the citizenship of Eastern North Carolina. It is really a stench in the nostrils of a God-loving lady or gentleman. It shows that instead of righteousness and sobriety being dominant in the life of the people, that drunkenness is on the increase.

Vacation Bible Schools

Along with the other things that were set forth in the above mentioned Auxiliary convention the plan for Vacation Bible School books (four courses) together with the manual which tells teachers what to do, was on display. These books can be obtained by ordering from the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden. According to signs it is believed that a large number of churches will conduct Vacation Bible Schools next year.

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, who has been one of the boosters of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, was on hand for an interesting message on the merits of the work done through this fund. At this time there are several calls for loans being made. A good report of receipts was made at this last Convention.

The Eastern Conference

As Moderator of the Eastern Conference we want to remind every Free Will Baptist in the District that there is a resolution on record, that has never been repealed, which calls for $1.00 from each male and 50 cents from each female of the church." This amount is to be sent to the conference, with the letter from the church, by the delegates at Whaley's Chapel, Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, it is getting time that all of us get busy about the Conference work. Let us get our reports, and our money, and our delegates, all ready in time.

LET US PRAY

Many of our boys have gone away,
  To fight and die of this war of today.
We here at home could at least pray
  For those boys who on the battlefield may lay,
  Wounded, dying, or suffering in some way
So that in our own country we may stay.

Where freedom and liberty may remain,
  Where you and I could not complain of
The happiness that it contains,
  And the many other lovely things.

Let's you and I pray to night,
  That God may have them in His sight;
For it is He alone who can lead,
  And guide them aright.

Gilbert Windham

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AUGUST RECEIPTS, 1943

Morehead City S. S.	$ 6.43
Kinston S. S.	10.00
Wardens Grove S. S.	5.00
Rose Hill Church	2.75
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Core Creek S. S.	16.40
Bridgeton L. A. S.	18.00
Bridgeton Miss. Society	3.00
Fairview Church No. 2	16.00
Canton S. S.	4.40
Goldsboro S. S.	9.17
Shiloh L. A. S.	12.00
Mrs. Ida Nanney	2.00
Truck Hire to Camp Leach	93.69
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Eastern)	15.00
Refund	17.25
Sale of Junk	6.50
Concert Class Receipts, 15th week	231.21
Bethany Bible School	2.78
Parkers Chapel S. S.	1.08
Hyatts Creek Church	3.65
Mr. and Mrs. Clenn W. Rex	25.00
LaGrange Church	25.00
Pleasant Grove L. A. S.	20.00
LaGrange S. S.	3.33
Friendship S. S., Johnston county	9.04
Friendship Church and S. S., Johnston county	18.00
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Truck Hire	3.90
R. A. Chamblee	1.00
Mrs. Esther Williams	15.00
R. L. Peele	5.00
Stancil Chapel S. S.	7.00
Sale of farm produce	109.02
Buncombe Haywood Association	50.00
Lola S. S.	3.00
Mt. Zion (Beaver Creek) S. S.	9.00
Goodwin Brothers	3.00
Sneads Ferry S. S.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr.	20.00
Mr. C. L. Corbett	10.00
Sale of farm produce	28.50
Concert Class Receipts, 16th week	261.86
Free Union S. S., Greene county	18.50
Winterville S. S.	4.00
Piney Grove Church, Johnston county	9.18
Pleasant Grove S. S., Wayne county	25.00
Refund	58.94
Hopewell L. A. S.	15.00
Rains X Roads Church	6.00
Coy S. Davis	3.83
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Rays Chapel Church	10.00
Mrs. Archie Willoughby	10.00
Sound View S. S.	5.00
Truck Hire	3.65
Union Chapel Church	13.76
Union Chapel S. S.	4.25
Greenville S. S.	11.25
Farm receipts	19.64
Concert Class Receipts, 17th week	413.50
Refund	1.00
J. G. Teasley	5.00
Farm receipts	3.75
Pearsall's Chapel Church	30.00
D. O. Baldwin	25.00
St. Mary's Church, Eastern	11.16
White Oak Church, Pee Dee	6.18
Toe River Association	5.00
Hull Road S. S.	3.50
Hull Road L. A. S.	3.20
Sts. Delight S. S., Greene county	7.70
Davis Church	7.50
Deep Run L. A. S.	1.00
Rogers Park Church	16.54
Mrs. W. Staley Hudnell	2.60
Sts. Delight L. A. S., Greene county	20.00
Farm receipts	3.90
Farm receipts	22.14
Ayden S. S.	1.00
2nd Union, Central Conference	52.93
Central Sunday School Convention	281.95
Rev. T. F. Davenport	10.00
Malachi's Chapel L. A. S.	20.00
Rose Hill Church	5.00
2nd Union, Western	15.00
4th Union, Central	55.00
Farm receipts	5.05
Union Grove Church and S. S., Durham county	5.50
South View Church and S. S., Durham county	8.22
Kings Chapel S. S.	9.00
Tippetts Chapel Church and S. S.	7.00
Hansleys Chapel Church and S. S.	25.82
Miscellaneous receipts	2.25
Miscellaneous receipts	2.68
St. John's Chapel Church	11.23
Southern Part of Pee Dee Union	10.00
Hopewell L. A. S.	20.00
Cape Fear Union	15.00
Union Meeting, Damascus, Ga.	3.95
Goshen Grove League	10.00
Goshen Grove S. S.	20.00
Farm receipts	10.88
Carteret County Union	15.00
Swannanoa L. A. S.	150.00
Concert Class Receipts, 18th week	199.85
Total	$2,907.94

CLOTHING MONEY RECEIVED FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

Beginning August 27, 1943, through September 23, 1943

Malachi's Chapel L. A. S.	$20.00
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Dublin Grove L. A. S.	20.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.	20.00
Union Grove L. A. S., Wayne county	20.00
Cabin L. A. S.	20.00
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Grimsley L. A. S.	20.30
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St. Mary's Church, Eastern	20.00
Micro L. A. S.	20.00
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North Belmont L. A. S.	20.00
Deep Run L. A. S.	20.00
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Sun Beam Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel Church	20.00
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Bethel Church	20.00
Saratoga Church	20.00
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Moseley's Creek L. A. S.	20.00
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Ayden L. A. S.	20.00
Casey's Chapel L. A. S.	20.00
Walnut L. A. S.	20.00

We urge those others who haven't sent in clothing money to do so soon as possible so we may buy the children's clothing.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Board of Trustees plan to hold the Annual Thanksgiving Service at the Orphanage on November 25, 1943.

BOOKS FOR THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

To Second Vice-Presidents:

The students in our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., must have books in their library. It may be that many of us have good books in our homes that are no longer used, which would be of much benefit to our young men and women who will use this library. I am asking that all local second vice-presidents of women's auxiliaries in the Central District secure a list of such books as you think might be used by the students in the school, and send this list to me as early as it is convenient. Please see that the books you include in your list are in good condition. We, in the Central District, are to have a part in supplying our Bible School library with the books its students need, so do not pass up this request to send me your book lists that you may be able to secure from your localities for that may help a great deal, in that we may not have to buy so many new books.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
2nd Vice-President,
Cen. Dis. Aux. Con.

THE OLD-FASHION LOOM

Listen! The old-fasion loom,
It speaks of long ago;
How the early settlers did
Of progress that was slow.

Patient and toiling they were,
How they carded and spun;
And despite many hardships
Their life was full of fun.

They were pioneers, you know,
A foundation for us;
They possessed inward vision
Built for the future—thus.

They were trail blazers for us—
Struggled, suffered and died;
Did their best for the future,
In fact, they really tried.

The old loom is now idle,
With old thing put away;
The old pioneers are gone,
But their work is here to stay.

Sherman Henry Oakes

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists to meet with Malone Free Will Baptist Church, Dwight Avenue, Alabama City, Ala., November 11, 12, 13, 1943.

Thursday Night

7:30—Devotional by Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.
8:00—Sermon by Rev. W. M. Bevins, Berry, Ala.
—Appointment of Credential Committee

Friday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala.
9:15—Reading of Letters; Seating of Delegates
10:00—Partial Report of General Business Board
10:30—Moderator's Message by Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Ala.
10:45—Report of Christian Workers' Institute by Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. K. V. Shutes
11:00—Song and Devotional by Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsdale, Ala.
11:20—Sermon by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.
12:00—Dinner

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.
1:45—Discussion of Our Women's Work by Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Mrs. J. B. Bloss
2:30—Report of Credential Committee
3:00—Some of Our Greatest Needs by Rev. J. S. Frederick, Covin, Ala.

Friday Night

7:30—Devotional by Rev. J. T. Quick, Gardendale, Ala.
8:00—Sermon and Our National Program by Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Millport, Ala.
9:15—Final Report of General Business Board
—Report of Statistician—Rev. K. V. Shutes
10:00—Final Report of Credential Committee
10:45—Devotional by Rev. Douglas Harris, Rt. 7, Birmingham, Ala.
11:15—Sermon by Rev. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.
12:00—Dinner

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Our Orphanage by Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. P. J. Box
2:00—Report from the National Association
2:15—Appointment of Delegates to the 1944 National and Sister Associations

Rev. J. J. Staab,
Moderator,
2313 33rd Avenue N.,
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Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Vice-Moderator,
Box 204, Cordova, Ala.

Rev. W. H. Ryland,
Secretary & Treasurer,
Leeds, Ala.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I shall be glad to hear from any churches desiring my services on First and Third Sundays for the coming year.

Yours to serve,

J. H. French,
L—109 Trent Court,
New Bern, N. C.

Aman's true greatness lies in the consciousness of an honest purpose in life, founded on a just estimate of himself and everything else, on frequent self-examinations, and a steady obedience to the rule which he knows to be right, without troubling himself about what others may think or say, or whether they do or do not that which he thinks and says and does.

—Marcus Aurelius.

EDITORIAL

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PROGRAM

Program of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of Western Association which is to be held at Mount Zion Church, Wilson County, on Wednesday, October 13, 1943.

10:00—Devoions by Rev. J. H. Worley
10:15—Welcome Address by Rev. T. Renfrow
10:20—Response by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
10:25—Enrollment of Ministers by Secretary
10:45—Appointment of Committees by Moderator
11:00—Moderator's Address by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
11:10—Report of Trustees
11:15—Business Period
11:45—Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. W. K. Jordan
1:45—Roll Call of Churches
2:15—Business Period
2:45—Report of Education Committee
2:50—Report of Temperance Committee
3:00—Report of Auxiliary Committee
3:10—Report of Ordaining Board
3:30—Adjournment

Evening Services

8:30—Devotions by Rev. Romie Mitchell
9:00—Sermon by Rev. Paul Jenkins

Thursday Morning

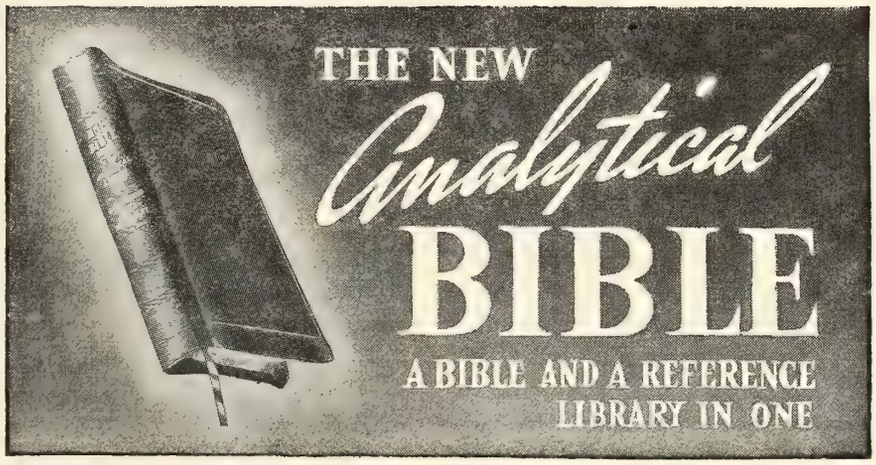
10:00—Devotions by Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:15—Report of Resolution Committee
10:20—Report of Ministerial Character Board
10:30—Business Period
11:00—Orphanage Report by Rev. J. A. Evans
11:30—Association Sermon — to be supplied
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions by Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:30—Report of Treasurer by Mr. H. G. Watson
1:40—Report of Mission Board
1:45—Report of Nominating Committee
1:50—Business Period
3:00—Report of Appropriation Committee
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:00—Adjournment by Rev. A. R. Flowers

P. S.—The time inserted in the program is Eastern War Time.

Rev. J. B. Ferrell,
Program Committee



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REVERENCE FOR GOD

(Lesson for October 10)

Lesson: Exodus 20: 3-7; Matthew 4: 10; 6: 9; John 4: 23, 24.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4: 24).

God, being a Spirit, requires that our worship of Him shall be spiritual worship. Spiritual worship, involving our hearts, is the only worship which moves the heart and hand of our God. It is the only worship acceptable to Him. Spiritual worshippers are precious to God. They are scarce. God is ever on the quest for them: "The **true** worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father **seeketh** such to worship Him." How preciously near is God to those who come into His presence with "a broken and a contrite heart" (Ps. 51: 17)! Read I Chron. 16: 29; Rev. 14: 7.)

(1) The **right place** of worship. It is not "this mountain," nor "Jerusalem," but any place where men "in spirit and in truth" call upon Him. It is well to have a definite place of prayer, but God is not confined to any one place (I Ki. 8: 27), because He is Spirit. As such He is everywhere present at the same time.

(2) The **real reason** for worship. God did not want worship from the Jews and the Samaritans alone. He had sent the Lord Jesus "unto His own," the Jewish people, and through Him provided salvation for all men. It is thus that "salvation is of the Jews" (John 4: 22).

(3) The **right attitude** of worship. In the Old Testament there were exact rules as to the outward ceremonies of worship. It is not so today. God is not specially concerned about the form of the worship, or the motions we employ, or even the bodily posture we assume. True Christion people have worshipped Him under a great variety of forms, and in numerous bodily postures. He is concerned about the attitude of our hearts. He is seeking for those who will worship Him "in spirit and in truth." It is quite natural that the body will be involved in our worship, but the worship itself will arise from a higher source.

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What is the first and supreme duty of every man toward God? (Deu. 6: 5).

2. For whom do idolatrous images really stand? (I Cor. 10: 20, 21, A. S. V.)

3. Who alone is worthy of our undivided adoration and worship? (Mat. 4: 10).

4. By what remarkable Name did God make Himself known to Israel in Egypt? (Exo. 3: 14).

5. What is the significance of Christ's Name in connection with our gatherings as Christians? (Mat. 18: 20).

6. What should be the relation of Christ's Name to all our activities? (Col. 3: 17).

7. Why was Irael forbidden to make any visible representation of God? (Exo. 20: 4, 5; Deu. 4: 15-24).

8. What is the meaning of the statement "God is Spirit"? (John 4: 24, A. S. V.; Lu. 24: 39; Col. 1: 15).

9. What great differences are there between the living God and man-made idols? (Jer. 10: 1-16).

10. What things go together with the worship of God in spirit? (Phil. 3: 3).

11. What general openly scorned Jehovah, and with what results? (Isaiah 36: 1—37: 38).

12. Our quarterlies have the helps you need on this lesson. Why not underscore at least seven truths that help you most.

III. The Lesson for 1943 and the Future

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
Yet more of **reverence** in us dwell."

Much of our so-called knowledge is actually built on irreverence. This is to be expected in a world that knows not God, but not among ministers of the sanctuary. If, like King Jehoiakim, they cut the Word of God to pieces, page by page, and consign it to their scientific study fire, they shall destroy not it, but themselves (Jer. 36: 22-32).

Where shall we prove our reverence for God if not in obedience to His Bible? And to whom shall the Master look when He seeks His spiritual builders, if not to those who **tremble** at His Word (Is. 66: 2)?

Surely we need a revival of reverence. As Germany intolerantly returns to heathenism, and Japan with ridiculous arrogance demotes Jehovah-God, our message must be fearlessly heralded; we must give the positive answer to negative impudence. Says the **Sunday School Times**: "Nations may challenge one another with some degree of success, but when they defy God retribution is sure. Japan's murderous trail has been marked by temporary victories, but the tide will turn against her. 'Two years ago Japanese military men made a fatal mistake,' writes Charles Allen Clark, returned missionary from Korea, in **the Presbyterian.** 'They declared war on God. They practically decided to drive God and His Christ out of Asia. They decided to force every person in the Empire and in any lands that they can control to worship Amaterasu, the goddess of the sun, as No. 1 god. If Christians wanted to continue to worship Jehovah-God and His Christ as No. 2, they will not interfere, but Amaterasu must be No. 1. If Japan to-day could conquer all Asia, the ten million of Christians now in India, China, Korea, Burma, etc., would be **forced** to worship the goddess of the sun as one above Jehovah-God.' This is further confirmation of Japan's aggressive paganism."

"What do ye more thon others"? Against this "aggressive paganism" must be pitted the resistless energies of evangelical Christianity.

—Selected.

"O Thou Almighty God,
Creator of us all;
Help us to praise and magnify
Thy Holy Name o'er all.

REPORT OF THE CAPE FEAR UNION

The union met with the church at Hopewell, August 28, 1943. The devotions were conducted by Rev. H. R. Faircloth. After a few remarks by the moderator, the roll was called. As the treasurer was absent, Mr. Henry Lee was elected to take his place. The Superannuation report was read and accepted.

We had a very interesting and instructive song service which was conducted by Mr. C. E. Lee, and also special music by St. Paul's Church choir at intervals during the day. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson, who used as his scripture lesson Matthew, chapter 5, and verses 13 through 16. His subject was: "Why Are We Here?"

After lunch the union re-assembled and the meeting was opened by Rev. Herman Wooten. A duet was presented from Oak Grove Church at this time, and then a period of business was entered into for the enrollment of the churches represented. The reports of the various committees were given, and all old and new business was transacted. It was decided to accept the invitation of the new church at West Clinton for the next sitting of the union. A motion was passed for the moderator to appoint a committee to harmonize our work with the State Six-Point Program, and make a report to the next union. This motion was passed, and the following committee was appointed; namely, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. M. E. Godwin, and Mr. N. B. Powell.

An offering was taken for Rev. W. R. Coates, which amounted to $50.35. The union was then closed with a fellowship service in charge of Rev. M. E. Godwin. During this service there was special music rendered by a quartet from Tee's Chapel.

C. H. Coates, Moderator,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary

REPORT OF ROCKFISH UNION

Our union meeting convened with Mt. Moriah Church at Hamlet, North Carolina on August 28, 1943. The services began with the congregation singing hymns, "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Jesus Saves." Rev. W. H. Ivey led in the opening prayer and Rev. Joe Melton had charge of the devotions.

The minutes of the last union were read and approved, and a call for new business came next. C. B. Hopkins was recommended for license to preach the gospel. Two new churches were accepted in the union. Rev. N. H. English organized one of these churches, and Rev. Joe Melton organized the other. The right hand of fellowship was extended to these new churches. At this time a Devotional Committee was appointed; namely, Sisters Ross and Haywood.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. N. H. English is to preach at the eleven o'clock hour, and Rev. N. H. Mills at eight o'clock, and Rev. Joe Melton on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. It was moved and carried that Rev. N. H. English go before the Ordaining Council. At this time Rev. English brought the eleven o'clock message. His text was taken from Acts 3: 10, and his subject was "Five Hands." Following the message, we adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon session began at one o'clock with the congregation singing hymn, "Near the Cross." Rev. N. H. Mills had charge of the devotions. The call for church letters was then given and nine churches represented by letters, and two were not represented. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Oak Dale Church, N. H. English, pastor, and to the delegates. It was moved and carried that the clerk is to write to the congregation, expressing congratulations to Rev. Joe Melton and the church. It was moved and carried that Rev. J. F. Roberts and his wife, Daisy Roberts, be given a welcome to work in our association.

The report of the Ordaining Council is as follows: We have examined C. B. Hopkins and have found him orthodox and we recommend that he be ordained to preach the gospel. Also we recommend that Rev. N. H. English be given ordination papers. Rev. Joe Melton was granted new ordination papers. Rev. W. L. Baxley, Rev. O. M. Hilbourn, and Rev. W. B. Carter, Ordaining Council.

At this time an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $16.10. It was moved and carried that this union give $3.90 to make it $20.00. Brother Bennett was appointed as delegate to the State Association, and Brother J. W. McLean was appointed as delegate to the South Carolina Association. The McCall Church asked for the next union to meet with it, which is to be at McCall, South Carolina. Brother Fender, Sister Haywood, and Brother J. R. Boone are on this committee.

Rev. O. M. Hilbourn is to preach on Friday night, and Rev. Steve English on Saturday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. N. H. English is to preach on Saturday night at eight o'clock, and Rev. W. D. Taylor on Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. It was moved and carried that Rev. O. M. Hilbourn run a week's meeting prior to the annual association. It was moved and carried that each pastor take an offering for Home Missions each month. At this time it was moved and carried that we adjourn.

The next union is to be at McCall, South Carolina, beginning Friday night, and running through Sunday, which will be the Fifth Sunday in October.

L. C. Coates, Moderator,
C. B. Hopkins, Clerk

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Boys and Girls Corner

WHEN FIDO FOUND BERT OUT

Part One

"Bert," Mrs. Webster looked up from her crocheting at her young son, "how would you like to run an errand for me this sunshiny Saturday morning?"

"Sure, Mom, I'd be glad to!" exclaimed Bert. He liked to run errands for his mother. She always appreciated it, and often when he returned, there was a plate of crispy, crunchy cookies and icy cold lemonade in a tall frosty glass awaiting him. "What did you want me to do, Mom?" he inquired, smilingly.

"I wonder if you would go over to Mrs. Ashton's for me? She has been telling me about a new book which she bought recently, a Christian book, which she says is grand reading. She wants to loan it to me, and I'm anxious to read it, too. Now be very careful with it, Sonny, for I'd feel dreadful if anything should happen to it."

"Yes'm, I will. I'll hang onto it like Fido does with his bone, Mom," Bert smiled, running for his cap.

Well, see that you don't bury it in the ground as Fido does his bones, sometimes," Mrs. Webster laughed. "Remember to always take good care of your belongings, Bert; but extra special care of other people's possessions. You'd better wear your jacket, Son, even thought it is warm outside. You're not entirely over your bad cold yet, you know."

"Aw, Mom, I'll roast alive!" Bert scowled. "Besides, if any of the fellows catch me with my coat and cap on this hot day, they will torment me to pieces!"

"Never mind, Son. I think you'd better wear them anyway. If you should get warmed up walking, you may carry your coat. But don't lose it! And be back by eleven o'clock," she added as Bert scrambled off the porch steps.

Mrs. Ashton wrapped the book in a newspaper and gave Bert a juicy, red apple to nibble during his homeward journey. After devouring all of the apple that was eatable, he fed the core to Fido who always made it a point to accompany his young master on errands.

"Hi, Bert!" "Where you been?" "What you got in that newspaper?" Several voices called to him from behind his back.

Turning around, Bert saw three schoolmates of his—Stan, Dick and Pete, boys who lived in his neighborhood. He smiled and explained what he was doing.

"Mamma's little errand boy, huh?" Pete said scornfully. "Say, you'd oughta have an apron tied about your waist, little girl;" he taunted. Stan and Dick snickered.

Bert's face grew pale, then turned fiery red with anger. He was about to fire back at them with something plenty mean, when the thought came to him: You are a Christian. Now's your chance to show these fellows the difference between a fellow who's a Christian and one who's not." So he merely smiled pleasantly as he replied, "Sure, I'm an errand boy for my mother, fellows! And I'm proud to be, too! My Mom's a swell person, and I'm glad to do things for her to show her how much I love her."

"Yeh, you're right, Bert," Dick was serious now. "You've a dear mother sure enough. I don't blame you for being her errand boy, and liking it. Wish my mother were living. I'd run my legs off for her, I would!"

"Oh, come on, boys!" Pete growled. "Let's get going! I can hardly wait to plunge in! The water's warm as anything, I'll bet."

Bert's ears pricked up. If there was anything he liked better than a swim, it was two or three swims! But—"Why, it's too early to go swimming, isn't it?" he wanted to know.

"Naw!" the trio of boys exclaimed in one voice. "The water's fine!"

"Sure," Stan went on. "It's a regular July scorcher to-day. Say," he suddenly demanded, "What in the world are you all bundled up for, Bert? Man, you make me boil just looking at you! Don't you know it's summer? This is the last of May, not March!"

"Yeah, how well I know that!" Bert grinned good naturedly. "But I've been sick with the snuffles and sore throat lately, so Mom made me wear these. But she said I could doff my coat if I got too warm. So off it comes!" he exclaimed with another broad grin. "Thinking about swimming makes me want to shed my clothes!"

"Say, come along with us, Bert," suggested Dick. "Even if you can't go in, you can watch us have fun."

"Sure, come on," urged Pete and Stan.

Bert wanted to accompany them, ever so much. Yet, he knew he should head toward home. Still, what was the mad rush? It was a long time until noon, and certainly Mom would not want to begin reading Mrs. Ashton's book on a busy Saturday morning!

"You coming or not?" the boys wanted to know.

Bert, after debating with himself for a few seconds, decided to go. He would not go in, of course, so what harm could come from merely watching the others?

"Last one in is a sissy!" Bert shouted with glee as the three boys yanked off their clothes. He was seated on the ground by the three piles of clothing, Fido by his side, watching with interest.

Stan was first to plunge in. As his warm body came in contact with the chilly waters, he shivered like a leaf in a March wind. He wanted to yell out, but not for one minute would he admit that he was cold. Nor would the other two. Of course, when they gradually became accustomed to the change of temperature, they began to get warm. They had a great time, too.

"Say, it's just too bad that you've a cold, Bert," Dick called out. "You don't know what you're missing. Say, is this keen fun!"

"I'll say!" exclaimed Stan. "This

is great sport, fella," he added, kicking a shower of water in Pete's direction. "Say, I don't believe it'd hurt you one bit to take a dip with us, Bert."

"No. On the contrary, I think it would be good for your cold,' suggested Pete, grinning at Stan and Dick. "There's nothing like good exercise for good health, you know."

"And the water's hot—almost!" added Stan, slyly winking at his companions in the water.

Bert found himself debating again. That the water was even anywhere near warm, he very much doubted. Those wincing expressions on the fellows' faces as they landed into it caused him to suspect that it was plenty cold. But then, what of that? He'd been swimming in cold water more than once and it never harmed him. Besides, if he did not go in, the boys would soon start taunting him with names like Sissy, Fraidy-Cat. And that hurt, awfully! Well, he'd prove to them that he was no coward or softie! to himself he said, "Mom wouldn't want me to do this, but she didn't tell me not to go swimming to-day. Anyhow, she'll not need to find out about this. I'll stay in only a little while, then run part of the way home to make up for lost time." Aloud he called, I'll be right with you, fellows!" He scrambled to his feet, began to shed his clothes, then exclaimed, "Make way for the champion, boys!"

Brrr! Goose pimples began creeping all over his shivering body as he ran toward the creek. He almost wished he had not decided on this, but it was too late, now. Not for anything would he turn back. Boldly he plunged into the chilly waters, stifling the screams which he felt like giving out. "My, oh, my!" he said under his breath. "It's colder than I even dared to thing!" But he laughed, splashed, dived, and joked like the rest of them until he forgot that he had been chilled through. He forgot that he had hardly recovered from a serious cold in his nose and throat. He forgot that he was due at home, too. He was having such a glorious time now that he did not even notice Fido trotting off toward home, something dangling from his mouth.

Suddenly, the laughing, chatting boys were amazed to hear the noon whistles blowing in the town half a mile away. They rushed pell mell onto the bank, beginning to dress as fast as they could.

What will Mom say? Bert wondered. And what'll I reply when she asks me what took me so long? Well, I won't lie out of it no matter what happens, but—! "Say, fellows, what do you suppose has become of that book? I left it right here with my clothes." Bert's face was half-scared,, half-puzzled.

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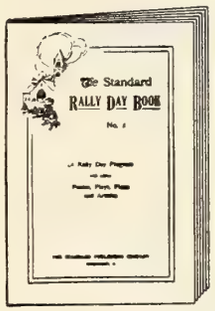

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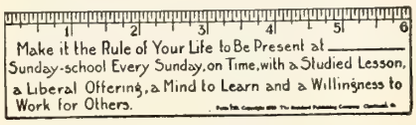

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Sunday, October 24, King's X Roads, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, October 29, Corinth, Martin county,

Saturday, October 30, Mt. Olive, Washington county.

Sunday, October 31, Mt. Tabor, Washington county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 31, Greenville, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

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Saturday, November 6, Free Union, Greene county.

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Sunday, November 28, Friendship, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

REVIVAL MEETING

I would like to announce through the columns of the Baptist that on the second Sunday night, October 10, Rev. D. W. Alexander will begin a revival meeting at Rose of Sharon Church, Martin County. We are looking forward to having our pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, with us during the week. We trust we shall have the prayers of the praying people and the presence of the public.

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It runs through the nightland up to the Day;
From the wonderful was, by the wonderful is,
To the still more wonderful is to be
—Runs the King's Highway.

—John Masefield

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Purity of Heart

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is His abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for His service and his throne
Selects the pure in heart.

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The State Association of South Carolina convened with Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, Whitney, South Carolina, near Spartanburg on September 10, 1943. Churches were represented from six associations and conferences over the State. The representation was very large indeed, and considering the fact that this was the first regular session, it is gratifying to the church leaders.

Rev. L. A. Halliday presided over the meeting, and he was elected as president for a period of two years. Rev. J. C. Franks of Saxon, S. C., was elected as vice-president, and Rev. E. P. Kirby of Cades, S. C., was made secretary. Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C., was elected treasurer.

It was indeed gratifying to note the enthusiasm with which these ministers and delegates went about getting this organization started. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. H. Mellette of Turbeville, S. C. Surely, everyone present felt the conviction power with which he brought the message. It is hoped that each of us will continue to feel that we owe a debt to the people of our State, and indeed to the world at large. May we strive to spread the gospel wherever we go.

It was learned that the orphanage work is progressing fine, having in addition to the land on which to erect the buildings about $6,000 in cash, and in bonds. It was also reported that some of the associations and conferences are helping to support the National School, and the foreign mission work.

We truly hope that each body in our State will do more for these worthy causes during the next year, and that at our next State Association we can take up this work as a State organization. Let all of us go into the vineyard of God, and work earnestly during the next year so that we may please God, and win many souls for him.

Yours sincerely,
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The Superannuation Board will meet on October 14 to consider the future program of superannuating aged, infirm or retired ministers. If anyone has any suggestions to make to the Board, please write to the address given below.

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OCTOBER SUPERANNUATION MONTH—

According to the latest ruling, the month of October has been made Superannuation month for the Free Will Baptist churches of the State of North Carolina. All ministers are urged by the Field Secretary, Rev. J. C. Griffin, to stress the need of their churches making large donations to this worthy cause.

The Little Creek Church in Greene County, North Carolina, took an offering on the first Sunday in October for Superannuation. The amount was $20.20. It is to be noted that the Chairman-Treasurer, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, North Carolina, has stated that the Board of Superannuation for the State is asking a sum of $2,000 dollars for the fischal year 1944. This is a very small amount for the large number of churches in the State, provided every church will assume its responsibility, and make a liberal offering for this most worthy cause.

Three hundred churches (and we have more than this number) in the State, contributing on an average of ten dollars each would raise for the fischal year $3,000 dollars for the support of the retired and disabled ministers. This would be an average of $14 per month for the eighteen disabled ministers which we have in the State. It would be a great help to them. There is scarcely any church within the bounds of the State that could not raise even more than ten dollars during the fischal year 1944 when moved by the Spirit of the Lord to do their Christian duty.

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SUBSCRIPTION HONOR ROLL—

Yes, it is moving up all the while. Seventeen names are to be entered on the new **Subscription Honor Roll** of the Baptist. A goodly number of subscriptions are now coming in each mail from the various sections of the country. It is, indeed, gratifying to see the interest increasing in our church paper. The ministers, Auxiliary workers and others are certainly working for the interest of the Baptist paper.

We should like to say for the benefit of those who do not know that whenever a person sends in as many as five yearly subscriptions his or her name is then placed on the Honor Roll. There are quite a number who have already sent in as many as four subscriptions, and we are very anxious to see their names entered upon the Roll as soon as possible. Let us hope these persons and many others will get their names placed on the roll in just a short time.

We are bidding for one thousand (1,000) additional subscriptions to our church paper by the first of January, 1944. It can be done if the church people will get busy and do as some are now doing for the Baptist paper. One pastor told us recently that he was going to organize a group of his church people in a town of about fourteen thousand population, and get 200 subscriptions by the first of the year. Indeed, that sounds like real business, and this young preacher means business in every sense of the word. He can do it, we believe. You can do it, if you will urge your church people to have a copy of the Baptist in every church home in your church communities. You may not be able to get 200, but you can get a goodly number in proportion to the church population with whom you work for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.

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CHURCH LITERATURE—

This is a day in which people need to study religious literature. They should be well informed concerning the Word of God. They are to be able to rightly judge true and false doctrines whenever they are confronted with certain factions and cults and sects. This is an age in which no one should be misled by false doctrines which are being spread by some people over the land.

The purchase of good religious literature is needful in most homes. The study of sane and sound religious books, pamphlets, gospel tracts and periodicals should be entered into in the American homes by both the old and the young. God's Word should be stressed as never before, and the minds of the young in the home should be inpressed with the great truths of the Bible, and its great teachings of the way people should live.

The F. W. B. Press at Ayden, North Carolina, is now handling many orders for various kinds of good religious literature, both for the old and for the young people. We have quite a number of good "Bible Story books" suitable for children and the young people, Fine books of religious fiction are also to be had for the inquiry at a reasonable price. Such works are, indeed, helpful to enlighten and strengthen the growing minds of the children in the home. Excellent teachings of correct ways of living are laid down in such fine books and the youth can profit greatly from the reading of such good books. Time spent in the evenings during the fall and winter months upon good reading matter will greatly enrich the the lives of the members of the home, and serve to instill higher ideals of living, and to arouse a greater desire in the hearts of the individuals to live noble lives for the glory of God.

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The Way of the Laws of God

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"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived" (Deut. 11: 16).

There is only one safe way of life and security, and that is the way of the laws of God believed and obeyed, as recorded in His Bible.

These laws of God, the only infallible guide given for nations and individuals, call for religious practices, together with morality and spiritual life, honesty, and justice toward God and all mankind.

These laws also require work and rest, and worship for the whole nation, and none able will be excused, and all must be governed by God's law.

These laws demand justice, efficiency, economy, and honesty in all administrative circles, and all are accountable to God for any disobedience to them, and subject to the punishment connected with the sins.

There are seven governing laws involved here in keeping through obedience, the warning and law of the text. One is instruction pointing the way to God's blessings received; one is warning against the breaking of the laws that are to govern; one is the rule pointing to prophecy, yet to be fulfilled. All of these are the exemplified loving mercy of God, intended to guide people into the way of the laws of God, revealed in His word.

1. They call for that purity of sex relation, and that love and loyalty in married life that makes all of the laws of God effective regarding the subject, in the life and home of the married. Marriage was instituted by God Himself, Gen. 2: 18-24. There were rules and regulations given at that time that were, and are the same obligations now in 1943, intended to be the governing rules in the conduct of married life (Mat. 19: 4; 1 Cor. 6: 16; Eph. 5: 31).

These laws bind all married couples together for life (1 Cor. 7: 14). God's laws provide no grounds for divorce except fornication, adultery, 1 Cor. 7: 27-39, and no court rulings excuse anyone. Some one may say here the Scriptures in one place says, "Obey them that have the rule over you," and I think good citizens will do that. Remember, I have no quarrel with what you believe, but be aware of this fact, God never gave any court authority to divorce anyone. Please read the text again, and then pray, and if led by the Holy Spirit to do so, get your divorce, but don't forget what adultery is.

2. They call for family love and loyalty to each other in the home life, that shall preserve and exalt the whole family, and the nation to worship standards that are an honor to God, and commendable to all concerned.

Families should all know the Scriptures for safety to their soul, (Deut. 4: 10). All the family should worship together regularly, (1 Cor. 16: 13-20). There should be unity in the family, and my how great it would be if it was in the nation or nations. One rule should govern the whole family relative to keeping up fellowship spirit, (Eph. 4: 32). All are to assist and help others of the family less fortunate, so as to give all an equal chance in family life, (Heb. 12: 12-15).

3. They call for righteousness both in wages and prices that shall keep the poor from becoming more poor, or the rich from becoming too rich from the laborer. God's work program is recorded, (Col. 3: 13); work should be productive as a paying proposition, (Col. 1: 10); God always remembers the workers, (Neh. 13: 14). The worker is to share the profits of his labor productions. Honesty in word and contract between employer and employee, and justice in court and law. God will approve (Lev. 25: 47-55). These laws when broken, invite God's wrath upon the guilty.

4. They call for mercy towards the poor and the worker, and that right treatment and good will, that give to all the right to live and be happy with their environment (Psa. 9: 18; Job 34: 19). None are to neglect the poor, (Mat. 25: 42-45). The poor laborer is to have all he earns, Lev. 25: 36. No one is justified in closing the favors against the poor, Deut. 15: 8. None are to oppress the poor laborer, Xech. 7: 10. The employers who help the poor laborer by being fair in dividing profits made, are blessed by the Lord, Prov. 14: 21.

5. They call for ministers and teachers to inform the people on the importance of living up to God's laws as a standard. Teachers were appointed to teach God's law to the people, Num. 11: 25. They were obligated to God to be honest, 2 Chron. 17: 7.

These laws were to be taught in the church, Acts 12: 1-2. The obligation and duty still cannot be neglected, Heb. 2: 1-4. Punishment awaits all of the guilty.

6. They call for study of God's warnings, that if His laws are broken, there will be unhappiness, bitterness of regret. Great dangers lie before all law breakers, Jer. 6: 15. Wisdom from the study of God's word leads to obeying the law, Prov. 2: 6. Unwise neglect or fighting against keeping God's laws always is foolishness, Mat. 7: 26. To disregard God's laws is to mark oneself as a Devil worshipper, 2 Cor. 4: 4. Breaking God's laws leads to invoking the punishment warned against in the text, Lev. 26. 18.

7. They call for the nation to cease its mad irreverance for and towards God, and REPENT for all the past. People should have LOVE and FAITH in God for the future, and save His judgment from coming to pass on America as a nation.

These requests call for new disciplining of the nations and the acceptance of God's laws for the safe guide, together with the return of setting up true and real worship all over the nation, if we are to continue to use and enjoy God's favors and blessings.

All are to remember God's helping hand to this nation, and none can afford to go farther without thanking God for these helps and blessings en-

joyed, for great dangers are just ahead, Mk. 8: 18.

This nation needs to REPENT, and it is the grace of God that has made it possible for her to do so, Isa. 1: 2. All of the people should call upon God for mercy and grace, with courage and faith to save her as a nation, for our misconduct has been sinful, Gen. 6: 3; Jno. 8: 17-21.

It would be an honor to the United States as a nation to openly announce a week of REPENTANCE for all the people, and then see that all had a good opportunity to attend church, where the preaching would be on repentance for the whole week, Acts 2: 37-38; I Kgs. 8 :38; Jas. 2: 9. God is demanding confessions from the nation, and has warned that unless this wicked nation, which has forsaken God in the business realm comes back and worship "Him in Spirit and truth", His blessings will not continue much longer, Lev. 5: 5; Hos. 5: 15; Rev. 6: 16-17.

TIDEWATER EVANGELISTIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

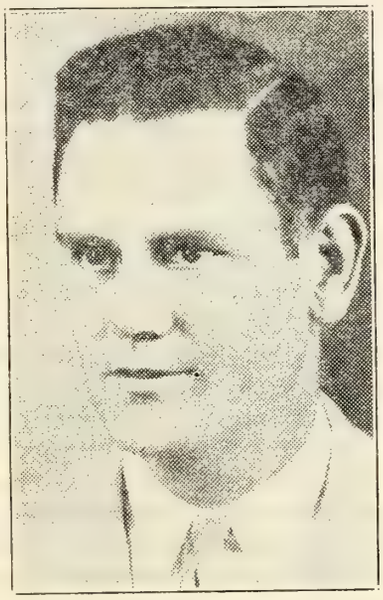
853 Marvin Avenue,
Colonial Heights,
Norfolk, Virginia,
August 25, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have been knowing Rev. H. Edgar Harden for about twelve years or more.

For several months after meeting Mr. Harden, I observed him carefully, because I saw in him the making of a successful minister or evangelist; therefore I studied his characteristics and religious inclination. I cannot recall whether I suggested that he become a minister, but I do know that I studiously endeavored to lead him into the ministry.

Nor was I disappointed. Mr. Harden became an intense student of the Scriptures, as well as the various phases and problems pertaining to the professional ministry. After studying under my supervision for a considerable time, he then enrolled in a more thorough ministerial course, which he pursued with eagerness and enthusiasm. He was ordained in the year 1933. I had the honor of presiding at the ordination service, when representatives of several of the Tidewater churches of Christ participated in the ordination ceremony.



H. Edgar Harden

Rev. Harden was soon engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work. He was fortunate enough to have the necessary tact and Christian diplomacy to successfully serve either large or small congregations. He is apparently endowed with the necessary personality for all kinds of religious activity, but it is my opinion that he excells in evangelistic enterprises.

Mr. Harden has not only been successful in religious work. He has likewise been successful in the art of living. His life has been without reproach. His honesty, sterling character and integrity are recognied by all who know him in the Norfolk area.

I unhesitatingly recommend Rev. H. Edgar Harden to any individual, congregation or organization which might require or be in need of the services which Rev. Harden can render.

Very sincerely,

Dennis C. Myers,
Evangelist,
Tidewater Churches of Christ.

CORINTH CHURCH RECOMMENDS BROTHER HARDEN

We the members of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church wish to say that Brother H. Edgar Harden of Norfolk, Virginia, has united with the Free Will Baptist, and has taken membership with the church mentioned above. We hereby inform this honorable body that we have been knowing Brother Harden for quite a long time, and his being a man of unquestionable character, and full of good deeds.

We hereby, therefore, do recommend to you brethren Brother Harden for any consideration you deem necessary in allowing him to preach the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Humbly submitted by Corinth Church,

Signed by

L. F. Waters,
Church Clerk.

(Copy of the action of the church)

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REVEREND H. EDGAR HARDEN ORDAINED

We the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference of North Carolina, wish to report to the Conference that we have examined Reverend H. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, Virginia, and find that he is qualified to preach the Gospel in the Free Will Baptist Church, and recommend his name be inserted on the list of our ministers.

Signed:

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Chairman,
Rev. R. P. Harris, Secretary,
Rev. J. E. Wooten,
Rev. R. B. Spencer, Proxy for Rev. L. R. Ennis.

P. S.—This done August 27, 1943, in the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church.

Editor's Note:—This and the testimonial of Corinth Church were late arriving to me from the Secretary of the Council, therefore, this explains the delay of publication of these papers.—Ed.

"HE SHALL SAVE"

By Elder Colonel Pendleton,
290 1-2 Hermitage Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Romans 3: 23-28).

In Genesis 3: 10 we hear man saying, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Man needed a power higher and stronger than himself to enable him to live in harmony with God and His Law. Therefore, God who knows all things, recognized man's utter helplessness and sent forth a deliverer. Now, in Matthew 1: 21, we hear the Spirit saying, "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." It is thus we see that the coming of Jesus brought salvation to lost man. We hear the great apostle Paul saying, in Romans 1: 16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." To this great man of God, the gospel was the most glorious fact in all history, the truth of all truths. Yes, to be sure, man needed salvation because he was lost in sin, and the gospel brings this salvation, for we hear Paul saying, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, (And remember that this is not to be done in heaven, but) in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee" (Titus 2: 11-15).

Had sin never entered the heart of man, the gospel would not have been given for Christ would not have died. For we read in Romans 8: 3-5, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit." Now, since sin is the transgression of the law of God, the gospel gives us the remedy for sin, which is as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4, which reads, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." To say that the law can be done away, means that we think we have no need of the gospel and that there is no sin. To destroy the law is to destroy the way to Christ. To do away with the law is to do away with that which points out sin. See Romans 3: 20 which reads, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His (God's sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." The law is compared to a mirror which shows up our defects. Therefore, we read, "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: but whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

To be sure there is no cleansing (virtue) in the mirror, but it does show the need of soap and water. Neither does the law deliver us from sin, but it points out sin in the life and shows the need of the SAVIOUR ,WHO alone can save His people from their sins. In Genesis, which is the first book of inspiration, we learn that lost man hid himself and cried out in the bitterness of his sorrow, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself." We also find that after they had done that which the LORD told them not to do, their eyes were opened and they knew they were naked. "And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." Thus they were hoping to cover, hide, or put away their sins. But let us remember that it is written, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Therefore, we read in Genesis, chapter three, that the LORD called Adam and his wife, who had made aprons of fig leaves to cover with, and he told them that the ground was cursed, and would bear thorns and thistles. Then, in verse 21 we learn that, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD GOD make coats of skins, and clothed them." Thereby saying, "All our righteousness is as filthy rags." But now, after the blood of Christ was shed we read in Hebrews 9: 13-14, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Now, in Revelation we find that the curse is removed. Let us read Revelations 22: 1-7, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the LAMB. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall

be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

So we see that when the curse is gone and man is clothed in white, then instead of man hiding and saying, "I was afraid," Man will look up and cry with joy and gladness.

NEWS OF STATE MISSION BOARD

At the recent session of the North Carolina State Association, which met at Middlesex a few weeks ago, a change was made in the Mission plans. Heretofore, we have been maintaining two Mission Boards, one for Foreign and the other for Home Missions. The new plan is, that all missionary work will be in the hands of one Board, composed of five members. This Board was called together before the close of the Association, for organization and for some discussion on future plans. Rev. M. E. Tyson was elected Chairman of the Board, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, of Ayden, was elected Treasurer, and the writer was named Secretary, the remaining members being Rev. J. R. Bennett, of Bridgeton, and Mrs. Myrtle Davis, of Davis, N. C. Rev. Wiggs is under a $5,000 Bond for the safe keeping of all monies that may be placed in his hands for the Mission work, until disposal of same to whichever way these funds are designated.

It will greatly help us in determining the manner of expenditure, if those sending funds for Missions, will make it clear how they want them spent, for Foreign or for Home Missions; otherwise, when neither is designated, the funds are to be equally divided between the two. Therefore, it will be quite necessary for each person, or church, or other organization to state, when remitting funds to the Treasurer, just for which of the two branches they are to be used. We earnestly hope that North Carolina will rally to the support of our Mission cause, and that pastors will see that their churches observe the Five-Point Program, when Rev. J. C. Griffin, the Field Secretary, shall have placed them in the hands of pastor, or Clerk, and that when "Mission month" comes around, we shall do nothing less than our "dead level best" to raise as large contributions as possible, so that this great work may go forward and that souls may be saved.

Yours to serve,

Alice E. Lupton,
Secretary,
78 1-2 New Street,
New Bern, N. C.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the recent North Carolina State Association, it was voted that Home and Foreign Missions be joined into one organization, and the name be just "MISSIONS."

From now on, all funds raised for missions by our church people in the State of North Carolina are to go to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina. He was made State Treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board.

Therefore, you are to send your mission money to him at Ayden, and not to the former State Treasurer of Home and Foreign Missions.

THE BURDEN BEARER

If your burden is too heavy
As you trudge along life's road,
There's a Friend, unseen, beside you,
Who will gladly share the load.
Cast your burden on the Lord.

If persistent doubt assail you,
Bringing to you dark despair,
There is One who never doubted—
He will answer earnest prayer.
Cast your doubts upon the Lord.

If determined foes beset you,
And you hear of threats they've made,
There's a stronger One to guard you,
Who can face them unafraid.
Cast your fears upon the Lord.

If your trusted friends betray you,
Suffer not the hurt alone;
There's a nearer Friend who feels it,
He the traitor's kiss has known.
Cast your cares upon the Lord.

If unwelcomed death is busy,
And your dearest ones depart,
There's a dearer One remaining,
Who can heal the broken heart.
Cast your sorrow on the Lord.

If your cross becomes too heavy
As you climb life's misty height,
Lean upon Him all the harder,
Link your lifting with His might.
Cast your weakness on the Lord.

For the Christ is strong and mighty,
Faithful, constant to the end;
He can bear you and your burden—
Trust that all-sufficient Friend,
Casting self, and all, on Him.

—Elbert N. Johnson
—Selected by Mrs. J. K. Ruffin

SPECIAL NOTICE

In the recent session of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, some changes were made in the State Board of Superannuation, which we believe will, in the near future, bring the work of superannuation to where it will receive its rightful attention in our denominational work. I am glad to note that our people are becoming more conscious of the needs of this worthy cause.

The North Carolina Board of Superannuation (of F. W. B.) now has its CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS, and under the new regulations it became necessary that some changes be made, and a Chairman-Treasurer was elected within the Board, to whom all superannuation money is to be sent in the future. The former Chairman is now Chairman-Treasurer, so please send all your superannuation money to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C., instead of sending it to me.

Yours for superannuation,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Winterville, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary, North Carolina
State Association

This Is the Time

You have heard it said, "Make hay while the sun shines." This is instruction to the farmer. Again you have heard, "Strike while the iron is red." This is essential to the blacksmith. So, we say, to the pastors and their congregations, "Now is the time to get the budget up for the church, while the farmers are selling their crops." Also, wages are high and much money in circulation. Every farmer, who is a Christian should lay up now.

The Conferences and Associations

In just a few days the conferences and associations of Eastern North Carolina will convene their annual sessions. There is need for much thought. We are living in a different day from what we have lived before. It takes more to live than we have been accustomed to. It also takes more to carry on the Lord's work. These conditions should be scrutinized very carefully. Much prayer and meditation should be exercised. We should not attend these essential meetings without the deepest consecration, not only consecration, but concentration of thought upon those vital activities which are necessary to carry on the church of the Lord Jesus. Many people vote when they have not considered what they are voting for, and often wish in a little while that they could have a chance to change their vote. This is for a lack of proper thinking. So, now, let us begin to think, and pray as to the actual needs of our denomination. Pray that God will open our mind to the honest conception of every need and show us the way to meet these needs in these trying days.

"Lest We Forget"

Forget what? That October is SUPERANNUATION MONTH in North Carolina. Every church should make a special offering during the month for the old ministers. Remember to send this offering to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C. Brother Johnson has sent out letters to the pastors, so let us take heed.

A Request from the Women

The Eastern Auxiliary in its recent session which was held at Union Chapel, Beaufort County, in their Temperance report, requested every pastor in the Eastern Conference, or pastors who are serving churches in the Eastern Conference to "preach one sermon on the subject of Temperance each quarter, during the year."

Last Sunday, I preached on the **"Lust of the Flesh"** and when I was through, the delegate who attended the Auxiliary convention, mentioned above, came to the pulpit, or near, and said, "Well, Brother Griffin, you have preached your temperance sermon." I did not say that I was going to preach a "Temperance sermon" but I did, there are many more things included in "Intemperance" than drinking whiskey and beer. So, I find it easy to meet the request of the women of the Eastern Auxiliary. Just preach the Bible and all your sermons will condemn intemperance.

To the Ministers

Every minister should attend his annual Conference or Association. If we have been called to preach the Gospel of Christ, which is the greatest call in the world, we certainly should put that calling above everything. We should not allow our work, as a minister to lag, in order to perform some other work. No employment should be able to separate us from doing our duty to the church and our God. If we allow jobs, even "Defense jobs," to come between us and the church work, we are criticized by the members of our church, and awfully criticized by the world. So, we who are members of that body known as ministers of the Gospel should strive, even at a loss of material things, to show to the world that we love our Christ more than all things, and that our greatest interest is His Church and the salvation of the lost. So, let us one and all, as far as possible, attend our Conference or Association. The laity is expecting the PREACHERS TO LEAD.

The Central Auxiliary Convention

It was our privilege to attend the Women's Auxiliary Convention which convened with the auxiliary at Reedy Branch, Pitt county, September the 29th, where we had the opportunity to speak in behalf of our State work—especially the SUPERANNUATIONAL part.

The reports which were read were encouraging. Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary made a report which showed a healthy growth in the work.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard brought the Conventional message, using for a text, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4: 13), using the term "We can do all things through Christ." The message was timely and soul-stirring.

Rev. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, was present, and on smiles, he said, "I am happy because of the encouraging success of my visit to North Carolina." He told of the success in the receiving of support for the National Program.

The President, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, carried on the business of the convention very expeditiously and every body seemed to enjoy her manner of doing things.

Rev. James A. Evans was on hand to tell about the success of the past year in the Orphanage work at Middlesex. His message was very encouraging.

A Nice Christmas Present

Send to the men who are in the armed forces your church papers, and nice Testaments, and other good literature. These boys tell me that they "really appreciate good reading matter from home."

Another Good Way to Encourage These Boys

We should write to these boys and

tell them all the encouraging incidents of their home community. Greatest of all let them know that you are PRAYING DAILY FOR THEM.

The Five-Point Program

The Five-Point Program for the ensuing year will soon be before the various congregations of our church of North Carolina in the way of PLACARDS. The manuscript is in the hands of the printer and we hope to get these placards to you by the middle of October, or earlier, the Lord's will. Pray for your Field Secretary. Pray that "our strength will fail not."

NEWS FROM NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

I was so deeply impressed with the changes and growth of our State Association, which met at Middlesex last month, I wish to express, through the Baptist paper, my sincere appreciation of the many fine things and the manner in which our work is moving forward, and perhaps the best of all, was the spirit of brotherly love that seemed to permeate and influence the very atmosphere of activities.

We have only to take a look backward a few years, when some of us were dreaming dreams, praying and hoping for the very things which have now come to pass in our denominational life. Some of us have lived to see them come to positive realities, for which we are profoundly grateful and justly proud. Not because these great strides have been made in our own strength and power, but because our heavenly Father has been at the helm, guiding and directing the efforts of his followers.

The splendid results we see today, have come because we have had men of vision and perseverance—men who have placed themselves in the very center of God's will, and who have been willing, not only to be obedient to the divine will of the Master, but who have sacrificed and struggled to attain the highest possible goal in Christian service. We have an Orphanage to be proud of, a Manager who is giving his best to the welfare of the institution, and is loyal to its best interests. Our Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee, is no longer a "dream," but an assured fact. After many years of struggle, hardships, unfair criticisms, harrowing experiences of many kinds, we now feel that we really have something worthwhile to offer the younger generation, who shortly, must assume the responsibilities of those who will have gone on to their reward. May we all do our best to support our Bible School, and show by our work and the interest we display, that we truly appreciate this great institution.

I was also much interested in the reports brought in from the Mission Fields. Brother and sister Willey are doing a wonderful work in Cuba, and as Christ spoke in John 4: 35, "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest," He is speaking to us today, so let us be glad, and show it by supporting this work with our means, our prayers and our sympathies.

I was also glad to note that India will probably be opened to us again, and that our Missionary can return to her labors there.

It seems to me that all around us, opportunities for service are facing us as never before. As I see it, there is no place nor time for idleness, or slothfulness in the Master's business. With so many avenues open, there is no reason for us to indulge in past excuses, such as, " Idon't know what I can do." If we, as a church really and honestly appreciate the awakening of our denomination, and the sacrificial service rendered by the men and women who have, and are giving their lives toward the spread of the Gospel and to the salvation of souls, may we prove it by laying ourselves on the altar to be used for His glory.

My work here at St. Mary's Church is moving on in a very gratifying manner. My people are deeply concerned with the various phases of our church life, Nationally, State, district and local, and are contributing to the support of Christian Education, Missions, our Bible School, Orphanage and Superannuation, and are also standing by their pastor in his endeavors to promote the interest of the church. I am not as active as I have been in years past, owing to infirmities, with age creeping on also, but I say reverently and sincerely, that my heart is in the work of the gospel of Christ and in all the departments of our church life. We are beginning a two weeks' meeting in our local church Sunday, with Rev. George Dunbar of Chuckey, Tennessee, doing the preaching. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all Christians for its success.

Yours in Him,

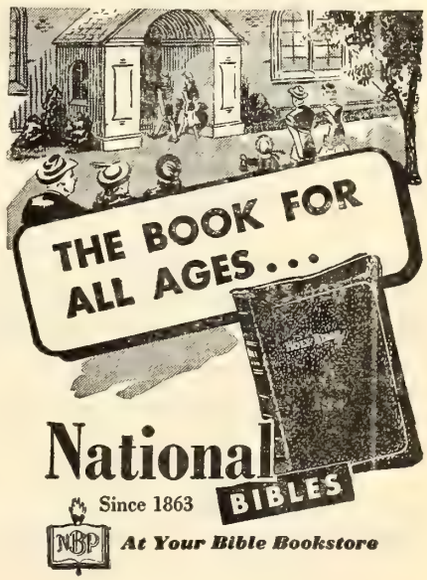
W. B. Everett.

WANTED

Copies of minutes of the North Carolina State Association for each year from beginning until present year. If you have any old copies please mail them to me. I was appointed by the Association to compile a history of the Association, and will need old copies of the minutes.

Thos. E. Beaman,
P. O. Box 120,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 1Pet. 5: 6.



The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

ATTENTION

The time for our district convention is most here. At our previous meetings our vice-presidents failed to make a very good report for the reason that the local vice-presidents did not send a report of the local work. I am, therefore, sending a list of the presidents to be published, and am making a special appeal to each auxiliary that it make a good report to the convention which will meet with Hopewell Church on October 13, 1943, in Johnston County.

I should like to say that we would like to have more of our ministers to meet with us this time for the convention. Why should they fail us in our work when we are so loyal to them?

Yours for a greater service,

Mrs. Herman Johnson

N. B.—Below are the names of the vice-presidents of the Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention:

1.—Mrs. J. R. Newton,
1017 E. Ash Street,
Goldsboro, N. C.

2.—Mrs. Almond Warrick,
R-1, Smithfield, N. C.

3.—Mrs. Robie Strickland,
R-4, Goldsboro, N. C.

4.—Mrs. Walter Anderson,
R-3, Goldsboro, N. C.

5.—Mrs. W. E. P. Royall,
R-2, Smithfield, N. C.

6.—Mrs. Thomas E. Beaman,
Goldsboro, N. C.

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PROGRAM

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Cape Fear Association will be held at Hopewell Church in Johnston County on Wednesday, October 13, 1943.

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
9:40—Devotions by Mrs. M. L. Johnson
—Welcome Address by Mrs. Albert Coates
—Response by Mrs. Walter Anderson
10:00—Reading of minutes
—Roll call of churches
10:20—Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
—Report of First Vice-President
—Report of Second Vice-President
11:00—Special music by Tee's Chapel
11:20—Congregational singing led by Mrs. Walter E. P. Royall
11:30—Message by Rev. M. E. Godwin
—Appointment of committees
12:00—Noon recess

Afternoon Session

1:10—Devotions by Mrs. Buck Jones
—Report of delegates to other conventions
1:30—Report of Fifth Vice-President
—Orphanage news by Rev. James A. Evans
2:00—Special music by Oak Grove
2:20—Report of Fourth Vice-President
—Report of Sixth Vice-President
3:00—Special music by Rev. Jordan and Mrs. T. E. Beaman
3:15—Unfinished or new business
—Appointment of delegates to other conventions
—Reports of committees
—Adjournment

Mrs. M. E. Godwin, President,
Mrs. Herman Johnson, Secretary

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NOTICE

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

REVEREND C. J. HARRIS DECEASED

Rev. Charlie Jackson Harris was born August 29, 1870, and died June 11, 1943, aged 72 years, 10 months. He was the son of the late Benjamin and Anna Harris. On August 16, 1893, he married Mattie Woolard, who preceded him to the glory world twelve months, lacking two days. He spent his entire life in Pitt County.

Rev. Harris left 5 boys and 7 girls to mourn his departure. They are: Jesse, Galen, Floyd, Dannie, and Charlie Harris; Mesdames Mattie Mayo, Elba Ward, Daisy Moore, Viola Brown, Bernice Clark, Reba Clark and Lucille Roberson; 50 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and also a wife of four months, Mrs. Eva Staton Har-

ris. He lived to see all of his children grown and married.

It was in early life that Brother Harris pledged his love and loyalty to God, and united with the church. He became a minister at the age of 24 years, and was a devout servant of God, preaching the gospel almost 50 years. He pastored many churches in Eastern North Carolina. His membership was with Reedy Branch Church at the time of his death. Brother Harris was not pastoring any particular church, however, he never stopped preaching, as he held services in various churches real often. He had an appointment to preach at Sidney Church the third Sunday in June, but died one week previously. Brother Harris married many couples during his stay here. He was to have married a couple the same day he was stricken with paralysis.

Brother Harris was very active, and influential in the North Carolina Central Conference, and pastored many of the leading churches of the conference during his earthly ministry. The writer cannot give as splendid account of his ministerial work as should be given. I should like to give the names of the churches he pastored during his ministry, but I cannot remember all of them.

I should like to say, I believe Brother Harris was a real Christian man. His greatest ambition was to learn the gospel thoroughly, and to practice it daily. Brother Harris received a poor education during his boyhood days, but I must say he was one of the highest educated and most intelligent men that could be found anywhere when he died. He was a man of wise thoughts and sound judgment. He was one of the most outstanding ministers in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Brother Harris received his education at home. He studied the Bible, other good books, and the dictionary every spare moment possible. I've heard him say that he sat up many nights after a hard day's work, studying the Bible, and preparing his sermons. Brother Harris was a hard working young man in his young life, and I know it took hard work and sacrifice to earn a living for his large family, and to find time to educate himself. The many interesting and inspiring pieces he wrote in the local papers and in the church paper show what an intelligent and well-learned man he was.

His noble and well-trained girls and boys he left behind speak for him. It shows he was a devoted and dutiful father, and that his home was a Christian home. Brother Harris was also a good and true companion to his wife, always showing love, honor, and respect to her. He was a kind neighbor, a highly respected and upright citizen, and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

Brother Harris was one among us honored and beloved, always loyal, trustworthy and true. We cannot but help remember his gentleness and Christ-like manner, his courage in affliction and disappointment, and his trust in God, who was his strength and shield, his light and his salvation. His influence in his home, his church, and among his friends will rest like a benediction on us, inspiring us to give, as he did, the best of ourselves to those who need our uplift and faithfully try to emulate his virtues of self-renunciation, and love for others.

It is impossible to measure the value of the life of this good man, who gave all and asked nothing for himself. He was not only a good leader, but he was an inspiration to all who knew him, and his good life and noble deeds will live on for ages.

The funeral was conducted from the home Saturday at 5:00 P. M., by Rev. D. W. Alexander, assisted by Rev. J. C. Moye, June 12, 1943. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery in Greenville, N. C. The many floral tributes and the large crowd of friends and loved ones attending his funeral services attested to the friendship and high esteem held by everyone.

Shall we say with the poet:
"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the Victory's won,
And now enter the Master's joy."—Anon.
(The writer's name is withheld)

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HARRIS. On September 6. 1943, a shadow of sadness fell over the home of W. R. Harris and took from this earth the spirit of Sister Sallie Harris. She was a kind and loving wife and mother and was loved by all who knew her.

Sister Harris had been in ill health for several years. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God loved her best and took her home. She was a member of Parker's Chapel and was a faithful member until her death, or as long as she could attend.

She was 65 years old and she leaves to mourn her loss a kind and loving husband, one daughter, and four sons.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Wednesday, the eighth, at four o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Dan Beamon, and Rev. D. W. Alexander, a former pastor. Burial was in the Harris family cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

We bow in humble submission to God the Father Who doeth all things well. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

We loved her so dearly
For she was so kind and good,
But why she had to leave us
We have not understood.

Days of darkness still come over us,
And when our days of life are fled in heaven,
We hope to meet her
Where no farewell tears are shed.

—Written by her sister-in-law,
Mrs. Martha A. Harris

WILLIFORD. Funeral services for Joseph Henry Williford were held from Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, September 14th, at three o'clock. Rev. W. H. Lancaster, pastor of the church, conducted the services assisted by Rev. C. A. Jakson and Rev. Herman Wooten. Special music was rendered by Lee's Chapel choir. Mr. Williford died at his home on Dunn, Route 5, September 12, at 2 o'clock, after an illness of about three weeks. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Williford was born July 31, 1879, making his stay on earth 64 years, 1 month and 12 days. He was the son of Marshal and Kitsey West Williford. He was a charter member of Lee's Chapel and served as deacon for 28 years. He was one of the most outstanding and faithful members the church has ever had. It was always his pleasure to welcome visitors to the church and make them feel at home. He was also active in educational and civic life of his community, and was loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melia Williford, one son, Lloyd, of Durham; seven daughters, Mrs. H. T. Hinson, Dunn, Rt. 2, Mrs. W. W. Hawley, Dunn, Rt. 1, Mrs. Granville Byrd, Dunn, Rt. 5, Mrs. Dalton P. Morris and Mrs. A. G. Smith of Newport News, Va., Misses Ophelia and Pearl of the home, and a foster son, Edsel Godwin, also of the home. Three brothers, J. M. of Greensboro, W. P. and James of Dunn, and two sisters, Mrs. O. A. Register of Dunn and Mrs. Esther B. Pope of Dunn, Rt. 5, twenty-six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was laid to rest in the Williford Cemetery near the home. The grave was banked with beautiful floral tributes which attest the high esteem in which Mr. Williford was held.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing to our friends our sincere thanks for their many deeds of kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Also for the many kind deeds shown our daughter and sister, Mrs. A. G. Smith in her sickness and who is still critically ill in Duke Hospital. Not one of you will be forgotten.

Mrs. J. H. Williford and Children

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JEROME T. LINTON

A tribute to Mr. Jerome T. Linton who departed this life on July 16, 1943, at the age of 76 years.

A form from us has departed,
A voice we loved is still;
He's gone to live with Jesus,
Submissive to His will.

His life was lived for others

(See **Obituaries** on page 15)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

JESUS AND THE SABBATH

(Lesson for October 17)

Lesson: Exodus 20: 8-11; Isaiah 58: 13, 14; Mark 2: 23—3: 6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mk. 2: 27).

Keeping the Day of Rest

A citizen of the Southwest, hearing his preacher say that a man can do more work in six days than in seven, went to him and said, "I have proved that. When I came West I led the company. When Sunday came I turned my horses out to graze, and got out my Bible to read. The rest asked, 'Why are you not going to travel to-day?' My answer was, 'I did not leave my religion in the East! My teams and my family need the rest.' The company moved on, and I did not overtake them the first week until Thursday. The second week I overtook them on Tuesday. After that they never overtook me, and I reached my destination two weeks ahead of all the others, my family well, my teams in good condition, and my wagons sound. The others lost horses; members of their families got sick; and their wagons broke down!"

Warnings against Sabbath Desecration

Let the following incident speak its warning message to our hearts: "Dwight Hillis conducted the funeral of a beautiful girl who had been killed in an automobile accident on the Lord's Day, while out for pleasure. As the father bade good-by to the loved form, he turned to his friends and said, in choking sobs: 'We have spent our Sundays playing golf, or automobiling. Our children have followed our example and have outstripped us. My son has disgraced me, my daughter is dead. I tell you there is only **one** way to rear a family, and that is in the Sunday School and the church. I know what I am talking about!" Read Gal. 5: 7-9; Rom. 14: 7, 12.)

A Holy Day

The holy day with myriads is but a holiday. Sunday with multitudes is but a "funday." But, thank God, there are those whose hearts thrill with joy at the coming of the Lord's Day, the day of rest and worship. How we rejoice when, in God's house on the day of worship and rest, we lift our hearts in songs of praise:

II. Home Work

1. Who was the very first to observe the Sabbath Day? (Gen. 2: 2; Exo. 20: 11).

2. What was the great purpose of the Sabbath as given to the Children of Israel? (Exo. 31: 13).

3. How was it to be observed by them? (Exo. 35: 2, 3).

4. What terrible penalty was inflicted for working on the Sabbath? (Num. 15: 32-36).

5. How did the Jewish people later come to regard the Sabbath? (Eze. 20: 13; 22: 8).

6. How did they profane it upon their return from Babylon? (Neh. 13: 15-22).

7. For whom did Jesus say that the Sabbath was made? (Mk. 2: 27). What does that mean to you?

8. What is Christ's relation to the Sabbath? (Mk. 2: 28).

9. How did the Lord Jesus deal with the Sabbath Day? (Mk. 3: 4; John 5: 8, 9; Lu. 13: 10).

10. What is the teaching of the Apostle Paul about the Sabbath Day? (Col. 2: 16).

11. By whose command do we no longer observe the Jewish Sabbath? (Hosea 2: 11).

Ordinances, new moons and Sabbath Days belonging to the Law are abolished in Christ. When He came, the Substance had come and thus the shadows were fulfilled and done away. The end of the Jewish Sabbath had come, for the people to whom it was given, killed the Lord of the Sabbath and He buried it in His own tomb with all that belonged to the Law and its self-righteous works.

12. Please note what our **Senior Quarterly** has to say on Exodus 20: 9.

13. What does our **Advanced Quarterly** say the **"Joy in Keeping the Sabbath?"**

III. Lesson High Points

1. Christians do not observe the Jewish Sabbath. To them the Lord's Day is as sacred as the Sabbath is to the Jew. The observance of the Lord's Day is a grave question among Christians of America today. Church members have made it a holiday, and a day of sports, rather than a day on which to rest and glorify God. Let us study the question in the light of what God Himself says about it, and what Christ His Son teaches about it.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

2. According to Jewish rules and regulations it was prohibited on the Sabbath day to light a lamp, build a fire, or cook any food. Shoes with nails were not to be worn on the Sabbath because the nails would be a burden and burdens must not be borne. A tailor must get his needles out of his garments before the Sabbath for they would constitute a burden. Meanwhile the Pharisees were perfectly willing to let people suffer on the Sabbath day. It is easy to see why Jesus could not tolerate their concern for petty things on the one hand and their unconcern for important matters on the other.

3. Since it was not even permitted to kindle a fire on that day, it is clear that the commandment was intended for a mild climate where fire is not a necessity (Exo. 35: 3). Palestine was such a country.

One day a man was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath Day. Perhaps he intended to break the Law further by kindling the fire. Moses arrested him and inquired of the Lord

what to do with him. The Lord answered: "The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp" (Num. 15: 32-36). Such was the Sabbath Law.

The observance of the Sabbath would not be possible in a country where there is severely cold weather. This proves that the day was meant for the Jews when they were dwelling in the land God gave them to possess. No such restrictions are placed on the observance of the Lord's Day.

4. Except we spend our Sabbaths (Lord's Day) as did our Lord, we spend them in vain. On the day of worship and rest, and on every other day, He "went about doing good. How filled with praise and blessedness will be our days if we spend them as He did, doing His Father's will! Jesus' enemies, pretending to be more concerned about Sabbath observance than in the healing of a woman ill for eighteen years, criticized Jesus for "healing on the Sabbath!" Some time, like Jesus, we must "suffer for well doing" (I Pet. 3: 14-18).

—Selected.

PROGRAM

This is the program of the Eastern Association to be held with Whaley's Chapel in Jones County on Wednesday and Thursday, October 20 and 21, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. F. E. Jones
—Welcome Address by Mr. Fountain Taylor
—Response by Rev. W. B. Everett
11:00—Moderator's Address
—Enrollment of officers, standing committees, delegates and visitors
—Appointment of special committees
11:30—Congregational singing
—Special music by local church or visitors
12:00—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Clinton Lupton
12:45—Recess for dinner

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00—Devotions by Rev. S. A. Smith
—Report of executive committee
Report of churches
3:00—Report of various committees Mission board, Home and Foreign, Temperance, Sunday School, Education, etc.
—Report of delegates to other Associations
—Miscellaneous business
4:00—Adjournment

Evening Services

8:30—Devotions by Rev. R. C. Kennedy
—Special Music by local church
8:45—Sermon—Speaker to be supplied

Thursday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
10:20—Reading of minutes of previous day
—Enrollment for second day
—Report of committee on resolutions
10:45—Auxiliary work by Mrs. Alice E. Lupton
11:00—Report of Orphanage by Rev. James A. Evans, and special offering
11:30—Congregational Singing
—Devotions by Rev. W. E. Anderson
11:45—Sermon by Eld. Duffy Toler
12:30—Recess for dinner

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. J. R. Bennett
1:45—Report of ministerial character committee
—Report of Finance Committee and all other reports
2:00—Election of delegates to other associations
—Election of committees to fill vacancies of any standing committees
—Petitions for the next sessession
2:30—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment — Closing remarks and prayer

Committee:

Rev. David W. Hansley, Chairman,
Mr. E. M. Prescott,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

REVIVAL AT CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

Our church was very fortunate this year in having Reverend Clifton Rice to conduct our meeting. We were also fortunate enough to have Rev. Floyd Harris and Rev. S. H. Smith with us some during the week.

The opening service began on Sunday night, September 5, and continued through Saturday night, September 11. Much interest was shown through the meeting, and one lady confessed Christ and became a member of our church the first night.

Brother Rice brought us some very inspiring messages during the week. We certainly hope that much good was accomplished during our meeting, and that our revival spirit will live on through the months to come, for we realize that all America is standing in need of a great spiritual revival. A closer walk with God day by day is greatly needed during these trying times.

We had large attendance for each service during the week. There were ten who came into the church by making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. They were baptized on Sunday afternoon, September 12. We believe that there were more under conviction, but they turned a deaf ear away from the Lord, and did not profess him. Although we gained only ten souls, for Christ, we feel that many more were brought closer to the Lord.

May all the converted people to the Lord pray much for all revivals during this fall and winter so that God might work mightily in the hearts of the people with His Spirit, and that many lost souls might be saved. May there be brought about a great spiritual awakening over the land to draw America closer to God, and into His Kingdom of righteousness.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

Boys and Girls Corner

WHEN FIDO FOUND BERT OUT

R. Judson Wilkins

Part II

"It must be here then, somewhere," they all agreed, beginning to search all around the creek bank. But it seemed all in vain.

"Why, say, wasn't Fido with you?" Stan questioned. "What's become of him? You don't suppose—"

Yes, Bert not only supposed; he knew now. Fido had grown weary of waiting for him and had gone on home for his dinner. He had picked up the package in his teeth and carried it with him. Bert had trained him to carry packages for him. Now he almost wished that he had not. What would he do with it—bury it? Bert groaned. Why had he ever consented to coming along with the fellows, anyway? He should have known better. Well, it had been a long, long time since either Father or Mother had had to punish him for anything, but he guessed that they would make up for lost opportunities now! He shivered, both from fear and from his too-early-in-the-season swim. Pop could really lay it on plenty hard! He was strong as an ox, it seemed to Bert. Well, he'd just have to go home and face the music! There was nothing else to do. But what could he say about that book? He could say that Mrs. Ashton had already loaned it to someone else. No, that would be an out-and-out lie. He would never tell that story. Well, what could he say then? Oh, dear, what a mess he had made of things! It was always so when one disobeyed his parents, he sadly realized.

He knew he had it coming. But that did not make him feel any better; on the contrary, it made him feel awfully miserable. All the way home, while the other boys laughed and chatted, poor Bert's mind was like a merry-go-round. Thoughts were whirling round and round. He was sick at heart. What if Fido had ruined that practically new book of Mrs. Ashton's? Well, he'd just have to beg for her forgiveness, but that would not be easy to do. And, too, he would have to earn enough money some way to purchase her another copy.

Arriving home, Bert found Fido asleep on the porch. He opened one eye part way, gave a slight wag of his tail in recognition, then dozed peacefully off to his dreams once more. Bert felt like boxing his ears good and proper. But—poor dog!—he had only done what he supposed was right. He was not responsible for his actions. "But," realized Bert all too readily, "I am. What I did was wrong, I can see. Well, might as well make a clean breast of the whole affair," he mused. Pushing open the door, he found his parents at the dinner table.

"Bert, come here!" called his mother.

"Yes'm, I'm coming," Bert answered meekly.

"Take off your coat and cap. Hang them up, then go immediately to your room," his mother said very sternly. "Your father will meet you up there as soon as he finishes dinner."

"Yes'm," Bert began sobbing. "But—but—I—"

"Son, you heard what your mother said," Mr. Webster spoke very sharply. "Now do as you're told, this minute."

Muffling his sobs, poor Bert trudged wearily up the stairs. It seemed that he would never reach his room. But when he did he threw himself across his bed and cried into a pillow. It had been a long time—years perhaps—since he had had occasion to cry. Everything had been going fine with him since he had become a Christian. But now—!

The sound of heavy footsteps ascending the stairs penetrated into Bert's ears. He shivered. Father was coming! And so was an old-fashioned whipping! Why, oh, why, had he listened to the voice of the tempter? It was too late to wonder about that now. But never again, he vowed, would he ever be led into anything like this! He had learned a lesson, he believed, and learned it well. Struggling to a sitting position, he brushed away the tears that splashed over his pale cheeks. As he did so, the door silently opened, his father entered, shutting the door behind him. Although his face was very grim looking, his eyes were sorrowful and there were traces of tears in them. But Bert did not see them. There were so many tears still filling his own eyes that he could hardly see anything clearly.

Mr. Webster did not jerk Bert off the bed and start whipping him as the boy half feared he might do. Instead, he quietly sat down on the bed, put his arms around his son and said, "Now, Son, suppose you open your heart and tell me everything. Confession is good for the soul, you know. After you're through telling me why you've been disobedient today, then we'll kneel down together and you must confess your sin to your Heavenly Father. You've grieved Him far more than you have your mother and me. Then you'll have to apologize to Mrs. Ashton for being such a careless fellow as to let Fido ruin her book. Now, tell me, Son, how did that happen anyway?"

In the shelter of his father's strong arms, Bert found it quite easy to confess everything. He began at the beginning, and omitted nothing.

"Is that all, Son?" Mr. Webster asked as Bert became silent.

"Yes, sir," Bert sobbed, clinging to his father tightly.

"Okay, my son, now we'll kneel together while you ask your Heavenly Father's forgiveness. He's just waiting to hear your cry."

How relieved Bert felt after those sessions with both his earthly and Heavenly Father!

"Well, Son, I expect you're expecting a thrashing now," Mr. Webster smiled, "but I think you've learned your lesson well enough without that. And I'm very much afraid that your foolish act of going swimming after being ill will result in another worse illness which in itself will be punishment enough. Now, I think you may go and have your din-

ner. After that, Mother says you must take that book back to Mrs. Ashton, telling her how you laid it down, carelessly, and how Fido tore and soiled it while carrying it here. You must offer to pay her every cent of what it cost her. Have you any money in your bank?"

"Yes, Papa, I have over a dollar which I was saving toward a bicycle, but—"

"Very well, then. That will have to go to Mrs. Ashton, or as much of it as she wants. You'll have to work at odd jobs for your bicycle—if you want one. It will teach you to appreciate your own property—and other people's, too, I think. Now come along, Bert, and eat your dinner. I expect its cold by now, but you're hungry, I imagine?"

"Yes, sir, I'm starved!" Bert exclaimed.

As he started for Mrs. Ashton's home, later, Bert's mother said solemnly, "Will I have to remind you to come straight home, Son?"

"No, Mom, not this time—or any other time," Bert replied, equally solemn. "I've learned that every sin will find me out for sure. Fido taught me that," he added, fondly stroking his pet.

Fido, pricking up his ears, stretched, then followed faithfully at Bert's heels.

OBITUARIES

In church, community, and home;
He walked in the Master's foot-steps,
From His side he never roamed.

Tho' age had crep upon him,
To the church for all services he'd go;
And pray to God to bless us
And help his church to grow.

At Sunday School he was ever present,
Whether the weather be cold or hot,
To teach his class with devotion
From the very depths of his heart.

And when our pastor was absent
His place he would ably fill;
On Sunday evenings at prayer meeting
With God's word, both young and old he'd thrill!

His saintly Christ-like spirit,
Our hearts will ever inspire,
To ever live for Jesus—
O' may we never tire!

Then, when our work here has ended,
And the Father calls us home,
One of the sweet joys of heaven—
Will be the smile of "Uncle 'Rome."

—Mrs. Edwin Roper.

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SIMMONS. Mrs. Francis Simmons died on September 3, 1943. She was kind and thoughtful, and always considered those in need. She tried to help those in need whenever she could do so.

She had a great desire to do more for her Saviour who did so much for her. She lived a life that was a good example for us all, if we will only follow in her footsteps.

I feel that when we have gone the last mile of the way, we will be safe in the arms of Jesus if we will live as she did. I feel that she is resting in the arms of Jesus, and that her soul is at rest.

—Written by her daughter-in-law,

Mrs. Dora Simmons

ATTAINMENT OF DESIRE

By Sherman H. Oakes
Kings Mountain, N. C.

Desire is a mental force, an ability of our mind. Desire is a very great power if developed and harnessed or utilized in the right way. If not properly used, it is our greatest hindrance.

God gives us a head for use other than a "hat rack." He created us in His likeness and image.

The right use of desire-force cannot be over estimated or emphasized. Steam gives us a good illustration of desire-force. Did you ever see any engine popping off steam, just wasting energy and doing nothing? You see Christians full of emotion, but that is all they ever do. They think nothing is happening unless a lot of wasted steam is marking much noise. The Bible says, "They have zeal but not according to knowledge." If the steam is used, the engine does the work, and something worthwhile is attained. If the governors do not work, the engine will run wild and play havoc.

We have the power to desire anything, and a desire can be expelled, and a new desire developed, therefore, our will should control and direct our desire-force according to sound reason. Do not drift with the current, make your choice and develop your desire-force. Use it to reach the goal and you will attain your desire.

We should desire great things for the Lord's glory, and for our happiness and the betterment of humanity. If our desire-force is consecrated to God, our chief aim will be to do His will. We should desire to do great works, local, state and national, in the name of our Lord and for His glory.

Our Saviour said, "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, believe ye receive and ye shall have it." A greater vision of attainment will cause us to develop a greater desire-force, and it will enable us to work, pray, believe and attain greater things.

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Sunday, October 10, Shiloh, Beaufort county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 10, Saratoga, Wilson county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, October 17, Rocky Mount, Edgecombe county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, October 24, King's X Roads, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, October 29, Corinth, Martin county,

Saturday, October 30, Mt. Olive, Washington county.

Sunday, October 31, Mt. Tabor, Washington county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 31, Greenville, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, November 7, Harrell's Chapel, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, November 14, Rose Hill, Pitt county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 14, Maury, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, November 21, Little Creek, Greene county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, November 21, Grimsley, Greene county, 8:30 P. M.

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Sunday, November 28, Friendship, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

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Yours to serve,

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For all that God in mercy sends;
For health and children, home and friends,
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk,
  For everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For song of birds, for hum of bees,
For refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood,
  For everything give thanks!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky,
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to thee.
  For everything give thanks!

—Miss Helen Isabella Tupper

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ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

The Albemarle League Union met with the leagues at Malachi's Chapel on Saturday night, August 28, 1945.

After prayer and song service, Amanda Reynolds led the devotions. After the devotions prayer was offered for the men and women in the service of our country, being led by Rev. W. A. Hales. A duet was given by Ruth and Louise Doughtie and was very much enjoyed by all. A program was given by the league of Malachi's Chapel.

After the program we entered into the business session. The secretary being absent, Alonza Reynolds was asked to act instead. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called and the following leagues responded:

Free Union—

Adult	$ .50
Senior	.25
Intermediate	.25
Junior	.25

Hickory Chapel—

Adult	$1.00
Intermediate	1.00
Junior No. 1	.50
Junior No. 2	.50

Sound Side—

Adult	$ .50
Senior	.50
Intermediate	.50
Junior	.50

Elizabeth City —

Adult	$ .50
Senior	.50
Intermediate	.50
Junior	.50

Malachi's Chapel—

Adult	$2.00
Junior	.50
Total	$10.75

There was a motion made that if there was two camp assemblies next year, one for the young people, and one for the adults, the Albemarle League Union would send one adult and one young person who makes the highest grade.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler and Mrs. A. L. Reynolds were asked to serve on the digest committee. After consideration it was decided for the banner to go to the Junior league of Malachi's Chapel. A motion was made and carried that at meetings in the future, the reports be passed in before the program of the league union.

The meeting closed to meet with Sound Side league October 30, 1943.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
President,

(Miss) Alice Webster,
Secretary.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Blessed Father, Thou art love, and only those who abide in love abideth in Thee, and in fellowship with Thee. And this is my fellowship with Thee in prayer.

O my God! Thy love be shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit. Be in me a fountain of love and also to all who are around me that out of a life of love there may spring up the power of believing in prayer.

O my Father! grant, by the Holy Spirit, that this might by my experience that a life in love to all around me shall be manifested. Give me especially the understanding to find the joy with which I shall forgive day by day those who ever might offend me. Let Thy forgiveness of my misdeeds be proof of Thy power and love towards me. Show me whatever, in my intercourse with my fellowmen, may hinder them, that I may be forgiven, and that they may forgive.

May my daily life in my home and in society be the school in which strength and courage shall be gathered for the prayers of faith.—Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. C. W. Owens,
Fountain, N. C.

EDITORIAL

The Reverend "Bob" Woolley will be away from North Carolina for a few weeks conducting revival meetings. His first meeting will be with the Bryan Church, beginning on October 24, and continuing through November 3. Before beginning his meeting in Texas, however, he will make a visit at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and deliver several lectures to the faculty and student body there between October 19 and 21, while on his way to Bryan.

Following the Bryan meeting Bro. Woolley will conduct meetings in the churches in Wisconsin and Illinois before returning to North Carolina to resume his regular work. May the Christian people be much in prayer for him while he shall be away from the State conducting those revival meetings that God may greatly bless his efforts in winning lost souls to Christ.

—ooOoo—

Some of the churches are waging a campaign among their church members to raise subscriptions to the Baptist paper for the boys of their communities who are in the Services of our Country. They feel that those boys should be getting regularly the church paper so that they will be able to keep in touch with what the church people are doing back at home. Moreover, quite a number of the ministers are now urging their churches to do this very thing in order to keep the boys in the camps furnished with good reading matter from their own church paper.

A certain minister in the State of Georgia wrote us just recently, stating that he and his church had put on a campaign for subscriptions for the Baptist paper, and raised the necessary money for each boy in Service to have the church paper going to him every week. He also expressed his wish that all other pastors would do the same, thus enabling all the boys from the local churches and communities to have the church paper coming to them that they might have it to read for comfort and satisfaction to see the work that the people back at home are doing for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

—ooOoo—

The editor is requesting, in this editorial item, that some minister or lay leader be granted a few minutes by the moderator of each association or conference that shall meet during this fall in regular session for the purpose that he may make a talk in the interest of the Baptist paper, and urge the people to start a movement in their local churches this fall for the purpose of helping to secure 1,000 additional subscriptions to the Baptist paper between now and the first of January. Since it is impossible for the editor to be present for these meetings, either in North Carolina, or in the other states, to speak in the interests of the church paper, he is asking that some one will avail himself of the opportunity in each of the associations and conferences to speak for the paper and boost the subscriptions for the same.

While quite a number of solicitors for the paper are sending fine lists of names as subscribers, yet we feel that many more will have to join in this movement in order to enable us to have the 1,000 additional subscriptions by the first of the New Year. Although several have pledged their hearty support of this worthy work of the church, yet there are many who can, if they will, secure many subscriptions to add to this list, and thereby have a hand in raising the one thousand new subscriptions during this time period.

—ooOoo—

It might be of interest to many of the Baptist readers to know that in the State of North Carolina there are two Free Will Baptist preachers who have reached a ripe old age. Elder Duff is nearing his ninety-fifth birthday, and Elder Worley has just recently passed his ninety-first birthday.

Both of these men have been preaching the Gospel of Christ a long, long time. They have had many experiences in the work of the ministry, and have led many souls to Christ. Brother Worley is still able to preach and to go to the conferences and associations, and to speak to the people in the name of the Master.

How concerned the church should be, not only about these two aged men, and their needs, but also about all other old ministers who are passed the day of their usefulness as servants of God to pastor churches and to earn a livelihood. Certainly, every church member should become deeply interested in Superannuation, and all pastors cannot rightly neglect to stress the importance of their churches raising large funds for this most worthy cause. Moreover, it is their Christian duty, we believe, to be especially desirous of their churches to contribute to this Fund in such a way as to enable the Fund to grow, through the passing years, to an amount that will enable all of the aged and needy ministers to have a substancial monthly income to take care of their needs.

GOOD REVIVAL AT FREE UNION

Our revival began on September 20 and continued through September 30. It was a very good meeting in every respect. Reverend Clinton Lupton did the preaching. He brought some very fine messages each night. The attendance was good during the entire meeting. There were 22 who were baptized, and all but one took membership with the church at Free Union, Beauort County.

We believe Brother Lupton is a God-called preacher, and we wish for him the best of success in his gospel ministry. We are asking the prayers of the Christian people that our church may continue to grow in the Spirit, and work for the upbuilding of God's kingdom here on earth.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. B. M. Ratcliff,
Pinetown, N. C.

God Works and Speaks Today

Rev. Arthur Lynn

The influence of unseen power in our life and affairs is beyond human comprehension.

Many of our, so called, practical people laugh at those who claim to be guided in their life and affairs by ALMIGHTY GOD. They pride themselves on their analytical attitude, and refuse to believe or accept that which they cannot understand, when, as a matter of fact, no one can fully comprehend anything.

Electricity some years ago was recognized as a reality, but no one knew what it was or what God MADE IT FOR. It was the hope of the early scientist that some time it would be understood sufficiently to enable man to control and use it to his advantage. Uncontrolled they had seen it kill people and animals, set fire to buildings, uproot trees, etc., and were afraid of it.

Today man can control it enough to use it for the benefit and comfort of the human race.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT IT IS? THEY DO NOT!

Static is one of the most disturbing and annoying things we have to contend with today; and yet a few years ago I saw a man control it enough to make beautiful music with it. Could he explain static to me? NO! Can you? NO!

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT IT IS? Again I say THEY DO NOT!

A newspaper reporter on the battlefront in Africa takes a photograph, sends it through the ether and in a few minutes a paper is in the hands of the people containing a true reproduction of the picture taken on the other side of the ocean a short time previous.

"Astounding," you say! I agree with you.

DAILY IT IS BECOMING MORE EVIDENT THAT THE REAL THINGS OF THE UNIVERSE ARE IN THE UNSEEN.

In the BIBLE Saint Paul, the Apostle, writes: "For the INVISIBLE things of Him from the creatin of the world ARE CLEARLY SEEN, being understood BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, even His ETERNAL POWER AND GODHEAD; so that THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE;" Romans 1: 29.

An old woman by the name of Mother Shipton wrote the following:

"A carriage without horse shall go,
Disaster fill the world with woe;
Around the world men's thoughts shall fly
Quick as the twinkling of an eye.
Beneath the water men shall walk;
Shall ride, shall sleep, and even talk;
In water iron then shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
The states shall lock in fiercest strife,
And seek to take each other's life;
Then TAX and BLOOD and CRUEL WAR
Shall come to every humble door.
Three times shall sunny, lovely France
Be led to play a BLOODY DANCE.
In the wondrous, far off days
Women shall adopt a craze
TO DRESS LIKE MEN AND TROUSERS WEAR,
AND CUT OFF ALL THEIR LOCKS OF HAIR.
They'll ride astride with brazen brow
As witches do on broom-sticks now.
Then love shall die and marriage cease
And NATIONS WANE AND BABES DECREASE.
The wives shall fondle cats and dogs,
And men shall live the same as hogs.
IN TWENTIETH CENTURY—rage and roar
When Gabriel stands on sea and shore
And as he blows his wondrous horn
Old worlds SHALL DIE and NEW BE BORN!"

For nearly four hundred years the above was just a silly song for the amusement of children, and then the truths contained in it began to come into manifestation, LINE FOLLOWING LINE.

My friend: If an old woman, for the entertainment of children, could write a song containing truths which did not come into realization until nearly four hundred years after she had left this earth, do you not think that GOD COULD MOVE MEN SEVERAL THOUSAND, or, if you please, SEVERAL MILLION YEARS AGO, to write about things which were to come to pass TODAY and TOMORROW?

"For prophecy came not in old time by THE WILL OF MAN: but HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST." 2nd Peter, 1: 21.

"For every good gift and every perfect gift IS FROM ABOVE, and cometh down from the FATHER OF LIGHTS, with Whom is no variableness, neither SHADOW of TURNING." James 1: 17.

"And ye shall know THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH shall make you FREE." John 8: 32.

"JESUS saith unto him, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: no man cometh unto the FATHER but by ME." St. John 14: 6.

"IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED." John 8: 36.

Praise the Lord! Amen!

—Selected

"It isn't the job we intended to do,
Or the labor we've just begun.
That put us right on the ledger sheet;
It's the work we have really done.

"Our credit is built on the things we do,
Our debts on the things we shirk.
The man who totals the biggest plus
Is the man who completes his work."

—The Life Line.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Rev. Robert B. Crawford

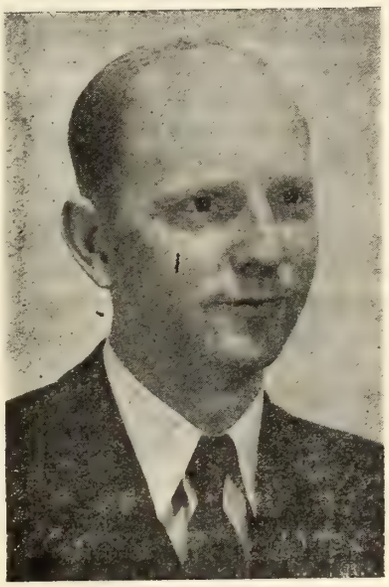
My work as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has been very pleasant and profitable. The plan of work was established under the able direction of my predecessor, Rev. L. R. Ennis. It has been my task to continue the good work he started and to improve upon it if possible.

A detailed account of all my activities are kept up to date. I shall speak in general terms that you might know the trend of things. This report is from July 16 to October 1, 1943.

I have held four revivals and have seen souls saved and join the Church. I have attended 16 Local and State Associations and Conventions, and have presented the National Associational Program. I have placed a few penny-a-day stickers for the Unified Program. Even though I am not a collecting but a promoting agent for the denomination I have collected for all purposes and phases of the work to the amount of $1,647.21. None of this amount represents a promise or placed check books. I have handled this amount and the same has been turned over to the proper persons. I have preached in a number of local churches and presented our work. As a result I have collected money and souls have been saved.

I am happy to say that all the State Associations I have attended, or I have heard of have adopted the plan of work of our denomination and resolutions approving and pushing the National Association. Contributions have been made by all State Associations for departments of the work.

I had a pleasant time in East Texas. The work is improving there and they are pushing the National Program. My visit to North Carolina was most pleasant. A fine spirit of brotherhood and fellowship prevailed in the State Association. I attended the Eastern and Central divisions of the Women's Auxiliary of North Carolina. Really, the women turn out and bring grand reports to the Conventions. They have good plans for the future. They are due praise. My visit to the Church at Davis, N. C., was interesting to see the efficient way in which they carry out the Sunday School. The Church at large is doing good work. We have a fine Institution in the Orphanage at Middlesex.



Rev. Crawford

Watch the papers and you will say so also. We really have something to be proud of in the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C. We have a fine building, a good staff that is working hard. Congratulations and blessings to them.

All reports from the National Board Chairmen are good. Good work is being done by them all. I have need for your prayers and continued support. I thank one and all for the fine response thus far.

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PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN CUBA

We want you to share with us in the good news. Truly we have reason to rejoice in the marvelous way God is placing His approbation on our work here in Cuba.

When we came back in September, our people made it possible for brother Davis to send us a check for $1,000.00 with which to purchase a farm as a center for our Cuban Bible Seminary. A few days after arriving home we found a small farm at a reasonable price of $800.00. We closed the deal without delay. The property consists of about 18 acres and has 550 orange trees which, with care, will be a source of income for the school. There are about 200 palm trees which are very valuable to us as the roofs of our buildings are made of the palm branches while the palm berries are used to fatten hogs here in Cuba. With lard selling at 25c per pound this represents a large item on the expenses of feeding our students.

The produce already planted had to be settled for with the former tenant, so we purchased his share for the sum of $100.00, consisting of sweet potatoes and Yuca, a tuber somewhat like potatoes, bananas and other fruit. We are just in a good season to begin sowing produce for the local market, which we hope will net us a large part of the support of the school.

Our plan is that the boys can study and be in classes a half day and work on the farm the remaining hours, thus paying their way to a large extent. The boys, some of them, are already on the farm at work. On purchasing the farm we began at once on a building that would be suitable for a dormitory, cutting the timber on a neighboring farm. Our principle, Joshua, and our pastors and students have been coming in by relays to get the first buildings up and they have been liv-

ing under very adverse conditions, sleeping on the ground, sitting around an open fire, eating as best they can, laboring in rain and mud and doing it without a murmur. I have been led to admire and love them the more. The farm is out from the city of Pinar about seven miles, costing 10 cents bus fare from the city.

The present house will cost us about $100.00, probably more as we must put in a cement floor. What we want to do is to construct three of these houses for teachers and students. The size of the building is 25 by 40 feet. The main timbers must be squared by hand, and in order to combat the cost of lumber and nails, which sell for 45 cents a pound here, we are planning to use mud walls and later burn our own brick. The roof will come from our own palm trees.

It is a means of great rejoicing to us in the way God answers to our every need through our faithful people in the States. Monday all day some one of us was talking about the great necessity of a team of oxen, so I told our Pastor Pedro Oliva on his return to Vinales to investigate the possibility of finding a yoke reasonable, and we would trust God for the money. That night on arriving home there was a check from brother Davis for the oxen, sent in by the churches under brother Bruce Barrow. Brother Bruce and his people have had a very large part in meeting every need. They already bought us a horse and saddle, in fact the first to send money for this. The following day Oliva returned, not knowing that we had the money, and said, "I have a good yoke of oxen if we can get the money." Praise the Lord! The churches purchasing the oxen were Kinston, N. C., and Elm Grove, N. C.

We want you to know of some of our vital needs. First we shall be compelled to build, as the money comes in, first another building similar to that now being constructed for the girls dormitory, and for a teacher, and a number of outbuildings must go up. Pigs and cows will be absolutely necessary. We are to purchase light wagons for horses to transport supplies from town, riding surries to take the ladies to the farm, especially when it is muddy. We are expecting a cabinet maker to be with us as a student. This man will be able to make a large part of our furniture for both the school and the stations.

Later when the climate is more favorable we expect a number of visitors down as an inspiration to our people over the province of Pinar. We are praying and laboring to get the school started by the first or middle of November. This will give us an opportunity after Christmas to launch into the revivals we hope to hold over the field in general. You might want a building put up as a memorial, if so advise us. People pay immense sums for tombstones, why not invest in a building in which Cuban young people are trained to preach the only possible message of hope for a troubled world?

The greatest need of all is your prayers. Never forget this. To our friends who have been sending us Postal Money orders, I will say instead of sending them to us here in Cuba, I am suggesting that they be sent to Dr. Lydia Mason, 120 N. W. 8th Ave., 36, Miami, Fla., with these funds held in the States, purchases might be made on our States checking account. Send the Money Order in the name of Dr. Mason and a letter to us stating the contribution and the purpose of such.

Again we wish to say thank you and God bless you,

Thomas Willey

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I especially want to thank Mrs. Miller for the nice card I received from her September 20th. Hereafter I will include my address so any one desiring to write me will know my address. May the Lord's blessings attend you, Mrs. Miller.

I was asked a while back why I thought so many people, church members, were so careless about attending their church services, including prayer meeting and Sunday school. I generally give them a thus saith the Lord, or here is the exact quotation from Christ, found in St. Matthew 24: 12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax (or grow) cold." When the Lord gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, He told them they should have no other gods before him. That is, they should give their devotions to him and him alone., and not worship false images as some of the people did, whom they would come in contact with. Now, if you are not aware of it, there are many things that some of our so-called Christians allow to get between them and their devotion to the Lord. Many people let their farms get between them and the Lord for they pretend to be so busy on Saturday morning that they cannot attend their Quarterly Conference or business meeting, but that evening they will ride or walk about, and there are many who will wait until night of communion or Lord's supper to go to town trading. So, they put their shopping ahead of the Lord's service.

I think they need to be pitied some as well as censured, for many of them have never read, or heard it read, the Church Covenant, or the agreement they came in the church under. One of these agreements was, to attend all business meetings or Conferences and be present at all communion services, unless providentially hindered, i. e." You are not expected to be present if the distance is too far, or if you are sick, or any of your family is sick so that you cannot leave them.

Here is another part of the Church Covenant that a lot of our people fall down on: We agreed to contribute to the upkeep of the church, according to our ability. If our love for the church and what it stands for has grown cold, we generally contribute very little. So, that is where we let our money get between us and the Lord. Some of our church members, (I won't say Christians) who are never able to pay but very little to the church don't mind spending a dollar and fifty cents for a bottle of poison (whiskey) and that comes under the head of iniquity, too. Let's

study over these things, and see if we can't mend some of our ways. AMEN.

WHISKEY SAYS AND WHISKEY DOES

The following comparison of what whiskey says (lightface type) and what the whiskey interests do (boldface type) was prepared by the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago, from the 26 suggestions which are prominent in general whiskey advertisements.

1. "I buy War Stamps and Bonds."

"I subtract $60.00 a year from every citizen's war stamp purchasing power."

2. "I avoid unnecessary expenditure."

"I am an unnecessary expenditure. $4,691,000,000 is expended for me yearly."

3. "I cheerfully observe all rationing regulations."

"I am unrationed, unlimited, unhindered by the Government.. Hooray."

4. "I do not waste food."

"In 1942 I wasted some 2,941,295 tons (4,982,591,281 pounds) of grain, fruit, sugars and molasses in the manufacture of 2,363,562,672 gallons of alcoholic beverages."

5. "I work where I can do the most good for the War effort."

"I work where I can get the most profit—from civilians—from the soldier boys—BUT especially where essential industries reward workers with high wages."

6. "I get to work on time and am never unavoidably absent."

"I am the guy who makes thousands late the morning after and probably cause more absenteeism in war factories than any other removable cause."

7. "I do my best to stay healthy."

"I promote disease and shorten life."

8. "I do my best to avoid accidents, especially if I work in a War plant."

"I cause accidents."

9. "I watch what I say and spread no rumors."

"I open mouths wider than a dentist and start tongues wagging faster than a dog's tail."

10. "I conserve tires and gasoline."

"My tires and gasoline have guaranteed priority even over such 'poor trash' as the American Sunday School Association missionaries in 4,000 rural churches."

11. "I share my car with others."

"I fix the driver up so he won't even share the road.. Crash! Bang!"

12. "I travel when necessary."

"I travel all over the country. Milwaukee beer is shipped to St. Louis; St. Louis beer to Milwaukee; Maryland whiskey to Kentucky; Kentucky whiskey to Maryland; California wine to New York; New York wine to California. I am the champion non-essential war-time traveler."

13. "I carry my own bundles when shopping to save manpower, gasoline and tires."

"I don't carry anything. If I were used to make rubber or to make fuel, I would then have to do my full share in carrying."

14. "I contribute to Red Cross and all other relief funds."

"I contribute. I can afford to. I am rich on the people's money."

15. "I save and turn in scrap metal, cooking fats and other material."

"I make a deal with the Government for up to 50 per cent of large size tin cans to insure bottle caps on the booze I sell. I am the only one who got away with this."

16. "I do civilian defense work."

"I am a social saboteur, always at work."

17. "I work with the Red Cross and other volunteer groups."

"I work with the gambler, the prostitute, the thug and the dive keeper."

18. "I am a regular blood donor."

"I poison blood so it can't be used until I am out of it."

19. "I volunteer for nurse's aid work."

"If I were used while on duty by a nurse, no one would employ me."

20. "I pay my taxes on time and in full."

"My customers pay my taxes three times over before I pass on to Uncle Sam approximately $1.00 out of every $3.00 that drops in my tills. But it costs the people and the State $4.00 more for every $1.00 I pay in taxes, to take care of crime, accidents, disease and inefficiency caused by me."

21. "I do community social service work."

"I multiply community social problems wherever I am permitted to carry on."

22. "I am prepared to cooperate with the FBI in apprehending suspicious persons."

"I am a professional lawbreaker."

23. "I am planting a victory garden."

"I am starting a Victory Garden. I am cultivating a taste for booze in millions of young men yearly. The garden is for my victory not theirs."

24. "I contribute books to the men in service."

"I contribute a state of mind that renders the use of helpful books almost impossible."

25. "I write to friends and relatives in service."

"I write an illegible scrawl, an incoherent message. Most of my friends don't write until they are sober."

26. "I observe 'dim out' and 'black-out' regulations to the letter."

"I 'dim-out' and 'black-out' thousands nightly. Just watch them reel down the street."

—In Christian Sun.

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

Trusting in Jesus, who bled on Calvary,
Dying for sinners to give them liberty,
Telling the story o'er and o'er again,
Glory to Jesus! oh, praise His Holy name!

Oh, praise the name of Jesus,
He loves for ever more;
Some day I'll go to meet Him
On that celestial shore.

Working for Jesus, I'm telling of His love,
Seeking for others, to lead them home above;
Never a moment to waste in idleness,
Praying that someone will find sweet peace and love.

Venie M. Carney, Composer

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary, State Association of North Carolina

The Pee Dee Auxiliary

It was our happy privilege to attend the Pee Dee Auxiliary which met at Mt. Olive church, near Hallsboro, on the 2nd of October. These women are moving out into all departments of the work. They are few in number, in comparison to some of the larger auxiliaries, but they are zealous to every good work. Mrs. Griffin was on the program as a messenger. She talked about the Bible College and the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. Also, your servant—this writer—preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour. We also spoke of the "Five-Point Program" for North Carolina.

Placards Out

We have received the Five-Point placards from the printer. Some of these placards are already up, in the churches. Two of our pastors have gotten theirs for their churches. I am planning to take these placards to the Conferences and Associations to be handed to the pastors and delegates just as fast as the conferences and associations are convened. Then mail to the clerks of the various churches placards, who are not reached by visiting these bodies in regular session. Remember that our NEW YEAR is now before us. The first thing in this FIVE-POINT PROGRAM IS SUPERANNUATION —The offerings for these dear OLD MINISTERS should be taken this month—OCTOBER.

November and December

November and December are months when we are to specialize in making a big drive for the ORPHANAGE at Middlesex. Thanksgiving for a long time in North Carolina has been a day when offerings were made for orphanages. It has been a custom among Free Will Baptists to make offerings to the Orphanage at Middlesex. We used to meet at the Orphanage for a great get-together on Thanksgiving. Last year this meeting was called off on account of the conditions brought about by the present war, but the Board of Trustees thought it best to go back to the old custom, so remember that there will be the regular THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT THE ORPHANAGE THIS YEAR. As Thanksgiving comes on the 25th day of November, it will give us good time to arrange for our offerings, and take them to the Orphanage on THANKSGIVING DAY. We can do it. Save some of the gas that we burn for pleasure—that is save those "A" coupons from now until Thanksgiving and burn that gas for Jesus. How burn it for Jesus? By taking a car load of our friends, or our family to the Orphanage. Carry a nice offering.

Have You Accepted Christ? If Not, Why Not?

"Is it because you do not know how?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" is the answer given by the Apostle Paul to the jailer at Philippi. The only prayer uttered, as we have any account of, was "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And the Scripture says, "He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes; and was baptized he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."

Because he believed, he was baptized. He washed their stripes because he believed. He rejoiced because he believed. He was saved because he BELIEVED. God's way is to BELIEVE. To believe, is to LIVE. To live in Christ is to REJOICE. Thank God that we do not have to beg Him to save us. Baal's prophets begged their god to send down fire, but Elijah's God heard and answered without being begged. God is not a hard master. God is loving. God is gracious. God wants to save. God gave His only begotten Son to save us. Then why should we think that we have to get down and roll in the dust, sweat and foam, beg and make promises, fast and pray, and go sometimes weeks and months trying to get God in a notion to save us? when God has done everything to save us, and said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3: 36). And then again, "He that hath the Son hath life; . . . These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5: 12, 13). Not by begging, but by believing. Not by praying, as essential as prayer is, for one might pray until death and never BELIEVE and there would be no salvation. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." My un-saved friend just take God at His word. The Devil would make you believe that it is a hard matter to be saved. But God says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus." Will you turn, right now, to John 3: 16 and read. Then will you go to I John 5: 1 and read. Also, read the tenth verse of the fifth chapter of First John. God bless you. "I am praying for you" my lost friend. "Believe on the Lord Jesus."

SHILOH REVIVAL

Our annual revival began on Monday night, September 6, 1943, and came to a close on Sunday night, September 12. Reverend Clinton Lupton did the preaching and assisted by our pastor, Rev. Duff Toler of Chocowinity, North Carolina. Brother Lupton brought some stirring and thrilling messages each evening. We had special music part of the time, which was brought by different talent, and was very good.

It was in every respect a very enjoyable meeting, and we trust that long and lasting good will be seen as results of the meeting. There were six who confessed Christ as their personal Saviour, and desired to be baptized. The baptismal rites were observed on Sunday afternoon, and the new members were received in the church in full fellowship.

Brother Lupton has won for himself and wife many friends here among us, and we are praying that he may come again to hold for us another meeting in the future. We are praying for Brother Lupton as he

goes to other fields of labor in God's kingdom. May he at all times continue to hold up the Word of God to a dying world, and preach a full Gospel as it is in Christ Jesus.

Yours in the name of Jesus,
J. E. Foreman, Church Clerk

REVEREND HERMAN WOOTEN COMPLIMENTED

The Reverend Herman Wooten, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church for the past two years, delivered his last sermon on Sunday night. It was a wonderful message which he brought to us, if we will only accept it as we should.

He was deeply interested in preaching the gospel for the salvation of lost souls and for the glory of God. He certainly is worthy of consideration of any church that might need his services as their pastor for the coming year. No one who has sat under the sound of his voice in and around our community may be lost without having been warned concerning their doom, and also having had the plan of salvation declared unto them.

We believe that God sent Brother Wooten to us, and we thank Him for it. Our prayers for Brother Wooten are that, as he goes out from us, and into other places to proclaim the Word of God, God will be with him in all of his work, and greatly bless him. May he have courage to proclaim the whole gospel to a dying world.

Brother Wooten left in our hearts new courage that there will never be a time when we will not need the grace of God to cheer us up. We will remember well the last hymn which he sang before he left us, which is "He Will Give Us Grace and Glory." He wanted to leave in our minds and hearts this thought that if we get discouraged, we must remember that God will give us grace and glory.

We are sorry to say that his stay with us has not been as pleasant as it could have been, but we are happy to say that we believe he carried his cross with as much patience under the circumstances as any brother could have done. In spite of the long distance which he had to travel to preach for us, he has given us his best. He worked, prayed and wept with us, and we feel that no other one would have shown us any more brotherly love than he did.

We sincerely hope that the pastor for the coming year will do as much good in bringing lost souls to Christ as Brother Herman Wooten was able to do during his stay with us.

Signed:
Mrs. Otis Haddock,
Mrs. L. M. Coward,
Mrs. W. A. Haddock

GOOD NEWS OF THE NORFOLK REVIVAL

2303 Springfield Avenue
Norfolk 6, Virginia
October 6, 1943

Rev. R. B. Spencer
Ayden, N. C.

Dear Bro. Spencer:

The meeting is progressing very nicely, Bro. Harris did not come to help me because of some misunderstanding. However, the Lord sent Bro. W. A. Hales this way.

Bro. Hales was with me five nights last week and will be with us five nights this week. Thank God for Bro. Hales, for his heart is in the meeting.

We have had twenty-six to come as charter members of the Church so far, and we believe there will be several more before the meeting closes next Sunday.

The most of these that have come are fine people and are adults, only about four or five are children. The weather was bad last week and we are expecting this week to be better in attendance than last.

I am going to set up the Church (Organization) before the week is gone and go right on in, or with the services every Sunday thereafter. We have already set up the Sunday School.

We are hoping to use the same hall for our regular services that we are using now, I have already made the necessary arrangements for another year or until such a time as we can find a more desirable place. The hall is very nice and spacious, and too, we have the privilege of using their chairs and piano.

I hope that you can find time to come down to see us some time soon, and see the possibilities in tidewater, Va., for our Church. It is a wide open field, plenty of room for several nice churches that can in a very short time become a real asset to the denomination.

The people are here and the support, once we are organized and get to work. The main thing is getting the churches set up. Another thing as you know is getting the right man to do the "Setting up."

Come down and let's look over the Field so we may begin laying plans for the future as soon as possible. The people in Newport News, which is across Hampton roads, and cannot come to Norfolk, should by all means have our immediate attention.

Come to see us and don't forget to pray for the meeting.

Yours in His service,
H. E. Harden

A MESSAGE TO OUR BOYS

My dear Boys:

I trust that each one of you have enjoyed reading the paper by now, and that you will continue to enjoy it as we did in sending it to you. We had several reasons for asking the church to do this. The main one was to keep the "home fires" burning in your soul. We want you to keep the spirit of Christ first in your herats.

You are to remember how we worshipped the Lord in the old Home Church at Traveler's Rest, and how we did have good services there. Just this week-end we had a fine service. We do trust that you can be with us some during the next year. The people are fine down at Drifton, Florida. I will be down on the first Sunday in October. Remember, the Word says, "Men ought to always pray and not to faint." "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Be sure to let it be known when any changes are being made in your address. Now, instead of writing each of you, I can write to all at once. I am very proud of you, and am thankful that the church complied with my request. Please attend your services.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Rev. S. T. Shutes,
Colquit, Ga.

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MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Arapahoe Church will begin its revival meeting on Monday night after the third Sunday night in October. Rev. D. W. Alexander will conduct the meeting. This will be followed by our annual homecoming celebration, which will be on the fourth Sunday, October 24. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors and friends are urged to attend. The public is cordially invited to be present for this homecoming occasion.

Mattie Mae Beacham,
Arapahoe, N. C.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Balance on Hand July 1, 1943	[illegible],666.10
Receipts for 3rd quarter	11,918.47
Total for which to account	$14,584.87
Expenditures, 3rd quarter	$10,483.17
Balance on Hand October 1, 1943	$ 4,101.70

Receipts for 3rd Quarter

Religious Organizations	$ 4,422.[illegible]
Parents and Relatives	[illegible]20.0
Individuals	442.15
Refund	143.61
Concert Class Receipts	4,535.2[illegible]
Farm, Dairy and Garden	732.16
Endowment Funds (Bonds)	318.55
Money Borrowed	1,204.29
Total received	$11,9[illegible]

Value of Donated Commodities Third Quarter

Food	$182.0[illegible]
Clothing	94.00
Other	82.56
Total	$358.57

Quarterly Report of Disbursements July, August and September, 1943

Salaries	$ 1,481.20
Office Supplies	71.65
Telephone and Telegraph	43.73
Insurance	109.63
Interest	11.70
Board Expense	38.70
Financing and Publicity	79.79
Administrative Travel	20.00
Food	952.10
Clothing	520.65
Fuel and Lights	333.93
Plant Replacement and	

Repair	2,585.22
Other	30.00
Travel Expense	228.20
Household Supplies	209.22
Recreation	3.00
Health Supplies	46.43
Education Supplies and Fees	228.51
Farm Supplies, Feeds and Fertilizer	1,499.03
Plant Replacement, and Repair	72.32
Replacement of Livestock (Hogs)	180.00
Class Expense	74.71
New Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	1,513.45
Transfer of Accounts	150.00
Total	$10,483.17

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CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

23rd Week

Milbourney	$ 50.05
Floods Chapel	25.00
White Oak Hill	35.00
Mt. Zion L. A. S., Nash Co.	42.55
Mt. Zion Church, Nash Co.	47.71
	$200.31

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NOTICE

Concert Class will be

Tuesday night, November 23, Union Grove Church, Wayne County.

Friday night, December 3, Spring Hill Church, Wayne County.

Saturday night, December 4, Dailey's Chapel Church, Lenoir County.

Sunday morning, December 5, 11 o'clock A. M., Kinston Church.

Sunday night, December 5, Free Union Church, Nash County.

(Miss) Faustina Shearon,
Manager.

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Clothing Money Received for Adopted Children Since October 1, 1943

W. G. Wilson	$20.00
Free Union Ch. Nash Co.	20.00
Women's Sunday School Class of White Oak Church	20.00
Cole's Chapel Church	20.00
John Wilkinson	20.00
Marsh Swamp L. A. S.	20.00
Baracca Class of Little Rock Church	20.00
Low Gap Church	20.00

Others who have not sent clothing money, please do so soon as possible.

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CLOTHING MONEY RECEIVED FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

From Sept. 23, through Oct. 1, 1943

Gum Neck L. A. S.	$20.00
Oak Grove L. A. S. No. 1, Bladen County	20.00
Lockhart S. C., Sunday School	20.00
St. John's L. A. S., Wayne County	20.00
Friendship L. A. S., Johnston County	20.00
Piny Grove, Pitt County, L. A. S.	20.00
Little Rock L. A. S.	20.00
Kenly L. A. S.	20.00
Macedonia L. A. S.	20.00

Others who have not sent in the clothing money, please send it in soon as possible as we must purchase the children's winter clothing as early as possible.

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CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

19th Week

Green Mountain	$ 52.50
Terry's Fork	52.50
Young's Chapel	37.08
Peterson's Chapel	3.00
Low Gap	25.00
Jacks Creek Association	51.28
Trinity	47.13
Gem Refund	4.20
Total	$272.69

20th Week

Wilson Church	$25.00
Marsh Swamp	73.14
Little Rock	60.00
Kenly	70.00
Micro	60.10
Selma	24.27
Pine Level	100.00
Total	$412.51

21st Week

Tippett's Chapel	$ 25.00
Holly Springs	71.20
Ladies Aux. Convention, 2nd Union Western Asso.	20.65
Little Rock by a friend	1.75
Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County	73.45
Antioch Church, Wayne County	110.64
St. Mary's Church, Western	45.38
Total	$348.07

22nd Week

Pleasant Plains	$ 76.00
Branch Chapel L. A. S.	5.00
Branch Chapel S. S.	7.00
Branch Chapel	66.57
Stancil's Chapel	26.15
Piny Grove (Johnston Co.)	15.25
New Sandy Hill	12.10
Mt. Zion, Wilson County	36.16
Total	$244.23

THE BOY

Edgar A. Guest

A possible man of affairs,
  A possible leader of men,
Back of the grin that he wears
  There may be the courage of ten;
Lawyer or merchant or priest,
  Artist or singer of joy,
This, when his strength is increased,
  Is what may become of the boy.

Heedless and mischievous now,
  Spending his boyhood in play,
Yet glory may rest on his brow
  And fame may exalt him some day;
A skill that the world shall admire,
  Strength that the world shall employ,
And faith that shall burn as a fire
  Are what may be found in a boy.

He with the freckles and tan,
  He with that fun-loving grin,
May rise to great heights as a man
  And many a battle may win;
Back of the slang of the streets
  And back of the love of a toy,
It may be a great spirit beats—
  Lincoln once played as a boy.

Trace them all back to their youth,
  All the great heroes we sing,
Seeking and serving the Truth—
  President, poet and king,
Washington, Caesar and Paul,
  Homer who sang about Troy,
Jesus, the Greatest of all —
  Each in his time was a boy.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

HONORING OUR PARENTS

(Lesson for October 24)

Lesson: Exo. 20: 12; Lu. 2: 48-51; Mk. 7: 6-13; John 19: 25-27.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Eph. 6: 1).

I learned obedience, and I thank God that I did! My mother was not a stern woman, but she was wise in many ways. Some things we children learned **at** her knee, and some we learned **over** it! And the lessons impressed upon us with a paddle were often remembered the longest! Of course, no decent person believes in brutality, but a current magazine expressed a great truth in humerous guise when it stated: "A pat on the back is a great character-building gesture, if delivered young enough and low enough down!"

I went one day to the jail in Los Angeles, accompanying a mother whose twenty-year-old son was accused of complicity in a murder. As we talked through the bars, he steadfastly denied any part in the killing, but admitted being a member of the gang of young toughs that had committed the crime. When his mother cried out, "How could you get mixed up with such a crowd?" he laughed bitterly and said to her, "This is a hot time to ask a question like that! Since I was ten years old I've done as I pleased, and look where it landed me! Maybe I should have known better, but you certainly should. Let a guy run wild, have his own way, and what can you expect!"

That's a bitter pill for any parent to have to swallow! But consistent heed to our Golden Text will prevent such tragedies—will straighten out the path of youth, and guarantee a Godlier generation to come.

Children are not to be left to grow up, they are to be brought up. To bring up a child is to educate and teach it (Prov. 22: 6).

Years ago, a famous children's specialist said to me: "When it comes to a serious illness, the child who has been taught to obey stands four times the chance for recovery than the spoiled and undisciplined child does." Those words made a lasting impression upon me. Up to that time I had been taught that one of the Ten Commandments was for children to obey their parents. Never had it entered my mind that a question of obedience might mean the saving or losing of a child's life.—Herald and Presbyter.

II. The Heart of the Lesson

Our lesson centers around the **authority of the Word of God.** On Mount Sinai God made **known** to Moses His mind, His Law concerning the duty of children to parents. In the fifth commandment it is stated in clear and simple language, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exo. 20: 12). But the Jews distinguished between the "written Law." The **unwritten** Law was said to have been orally delivered by God to Moses, and by him orally transmitted to the elders. On it was founded the Talmud or "doctrine" which consists of (1) the **Mishna,** or "repetition of the Law." (2) **Gemara,** or supplement to it. So extravagant did the veneration for the traditional Law become that the Jews **forsook** the Divine Law for the traditional. These man-made rules went far **beyond** anything contained in the Law of Moses, and came to be regarded as of more importance than the Written Law itself. The scribes sought to justify this preference by strained interpretations of such passages as Deu. 4: 14; 17: 10. This was to undermine and to destroy the authority of God's Word to make it of "none effect." Tradition was judged to be of more importance, and to have **more** authority than God's Word. This is seen in the way they dealt with the Fifth Commandment. By pronouncing the word "Corban" (Mk. 7: 11) over any possession or property it was dedicated to the Temple. The scribes held that this word, even when pronounced in spite or anger against parents who needed succor, excused the son from his natural duty; and, on the other hand, did not oblige him really to devote the sum to the service of God or of the Temple (comp. Mat. 15: 5). The sin of the scribes and Pharisees was this: They taught "for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mk. 7: 7)—not the commandments of God—and these commandments were directly **opposite** and hostile to God's laws.

III. Sentence Sermons

1. Honor to our parents may be expressed in filial affection.

2. Honor to our parents is also expressed in honest devotion to them.

3. Honor to our parents may be shown in a careful consideration of their comfort and pleasure.

4. Love to our parents is principally manifested in obedience to them.

5. Love to our parents will also be shown by caring for their needs.

6. Love to our parents is natural, especially since we have become Christians.

7. Obedience to our parents is commanded in the Bible.

8. Obedience to parents by a proper subjection to them was exemplified by the Lord Jesus.

9. Obedience to our parents insures God's blessings to us.

10. Obedience to our parents is no abnormal demand, but is right in the sight of God.

These truths are considered more fully in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. Please use them prayerfully.

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

The Reason for Toil, Temptation and Trial

As a boy I was interested in the study of butterflies. One day I found a "jughandle," the chrysalis of the so-

called tobacco moth, one of the most beautiful of insects. Taking it home I preserved it with care, anticipating its opening. At last my watch was rewarded. The miller was struggling to escape. How it toiled and worked, writhing to and fro! Fearing that the air of the house had hardened the shell I assisted the insect in his efforts. As he struggled I opened the Chrysalis, until in a fraction of the time he had needed to do the work himself he was free. Alas! there was no beauty of coloring, no strength of limb and after a few feeble flutters he ceased to move.

The disappointment was great. Why had he died? Years after I learned that the struggles to escape from the shell were wisely ordered of God. All the labor was necessary to send the juices circulating through the body, to strengthen the legs and to bring out the beautiful colors. The help given was mistaken kindness.

Just so, the efforts of misguided parents, to make life easy for their children may result in wrecking the lives of these same children.

—Moody Monthly.

FORWARD WITH MISSIONS

At the recent conference at Columbia University on Science, Philosophy, and Religion, two of the delegates demanded that "the entire missionary movement should be stopped." They objected to the assumption that "the post-war world could be built successfully only on the basis of Christianity," denied the statement, frequently made, that we are fighting this war to save Christian civilization, and stated that, so far as one of the major members of the United States is concerned, the war is not being fought for any kind of religious civilization at all, but only "for humanity—for freedom and the equality of all men."

This will come as a surprising, if not shocking, statement to all who believe in the Old and New Testament Scriptures and know how profoundly responsible they are for the forward march of freedom throughout the civilized world. For, this whole question strikes at the root of the most crucial decision that the world must make today: whether to believe that the origin of all freedom and equality is in God, or to affirm that freedom and equality, as well as all human values, are purely human and not related to God.

The revelation of Holy Scripture is to the effect that the rights of man and the sacredness of his person are derived directly from the creative act of God. Jefferson expressed it very well indeed when he wrote that "God who gives us life, gives us liberty." If this is not true, the only alternative by which to account for man's freedom is to attribute it to a social contract—an agreement between men that freedom is desirable and that, therefore, it will be guaranteed. But, involved in this position is the undeniable fact that freedom, which rests only upon the consent of man, can be destroyed whenever that consent is withdrawn. This is precisely what has happened in all fascist countries where the dictators do not feel moved to consent to the proposition that it is a good thing for men to be free.

Freedom, in the Biblical sense, does not appeal for its authority to man's consent at all, but to the act of God in creating man in his own image and in endowing him with rights which cannot be separated from his person. If, therefore, we want to see freedom and equal rights secured everywhere in the world, it is more, not less, knowledge of God and his Word that we need. Stop the missionary movement? Indeed not. Step it up!

—Rev. William C. Kernan,
Director Christian Institute,
N. Y. C.

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Copies of minutes of the North Carolina State Association for each year from beginning until present year. If you have any old copies please mail them to me. I was appointed by the Association to compile a history of the Association, and will need old copies of the minutes.

Thos. E. Beaman,
P. O. Box 120,
Goldsboro, N. C.

DO WE FORGET?

There's One who died for you and me,
Yes, died in sorrow that we might be free;
He gave His life on the rugged Cross
To save our souls from eternal loss.

For us He died and suffered pain
That we, through Him, might live again;
But are we thankful? Do we ever try
To live for Him, who for us did die?

Often we're restless, lonely and blue,
And wonder just how we'll ever get through;
But could we have seen Jesus, as He died on the Cross,
Would our life seem so hard?—He paid the cost.

As for silver and gold, we may be poor,
But there are riches that are worth far more;
'Tis the riches on High, more precious than gold,
And it's to be given but not to be sold.

At times when we're tempted to stop and give up
Though we've nothing to give—not very much;
Let's try to press on, ev'n tho it takes grit
For Jesus gave all that we might have such.

Mrs. Jarvis H. Waters,
Pinetown, N. C.

REPENT

Oh, that I had the voice of thunder
And the speed of light!
I'd go to and fro in all the earth
Crying,
"Repent! Repent! !
Repent! ! !"
Until all the hearts of stone were broken,
And disdained eyes were made of tears.
Dear LORD, forgive this fool's desire
While my soul doeth cry,
"Woe is me! I am naught."
All I am and all I hope to be,
I owe unto my GOD.
Written Sept. 30, 1943 by
Pfc. Alton E. Dail.

Boys and Girls Corner

FOUR CAPTIVE BOYS IN THE PALACE SCHOOL

There were feasting and merrymakers and general rejoicing in the city of Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar and his great army had returned victorious. They had brought back great treasure and many captives, for they had plundered the rich land of Judah and had captured the great city of Jerusalem.

After the rejoicings were over and the people were ready to divide the plunder and captives, the king commanded that his stewards should pick out four of the handsomest and most intelligent of the prisoners and bring them to the palace and there teach them the language of the Chaldeans.

The steward found four young princes whom he thought were the finest boys among the captives. Thus it happened that Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego came to live at Nebuchadnezzar's palace.

The king sent down rich foods and much wine from his own table for them to eat and drink. Daniel knew that such food was not good for a growing boy. He knew that a servant of God ought not to weaken his body and stunt his mind by foolish eating and intemperate drinking. He talked with the other boys, and the four decided to refuse the food which the king sent down to them.

When they told the steward that they would eat only plain food and drink only water, the steward was amazed.

"Why, my life would be in danger if the king found you were not looking as well fed as the other boys of the palace," he said.

"Try us for ten days, I beseech thee," said Daniel. "Give us just plain food and drink. Then, if we do not look as well and strong as the boys who eat the king's dainties, do as thou thinkest best."

The steward agreed. While the other boys were filling themselves with rich foods that gave them no strength, and drinking wines that dulled their brains, these four young princes were taking the best care of the bodies the Lord had given them.

When the king called the boys of the palace to appear before him he found that none were as handsome and strong as Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego. He made them rulers in his kingdom.

NOTICE

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October with the West Clinton Church.

To get to the church, take the Fayetteville highway, and go about 1 1-2 miles out of town. There is a sign pointing to the church.

Sincerely,
Rev. R. H. Jackson

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

J. T. LINTON. All was serene on the morning of July 16, 1943. No presentment of coming events lay like a pall on the hearts of loved ones. No one heard the fluttering of the wings of the Angel of Death, nor his silent tread as his shadow fell near—ever nearer the Master of the Home.

As in silence he came, so he went, leaving only the clay temple in which a soul had lived and loved. His kiss must have been less bitter than sweet, for a faint smile remained—as if in that solemn hour the man had learned a lovely secret and was debating if he should share it.

There was no need for tears, except for those left behind—only a quiet question, when looking on that peaceful face—"How shall I meet Death?"

His work will go on. Someone will take up where he laid it down. For God has said, "My word shall not return to Me void."

In the words of the poet, so let it be known of us when we embarque:

"'Oh, Father, Father, must I go?
The vision Thou dids't give
Has shown so much of grief and woe . . .
Such need to work and live . . .'
'The Need is seen by others, son,
Let them take up the task;
Thy work, each day, has been well done,
And that is all I ask.'"

—Anon.

REVEREND HALES WELCOMED AT GUM NECK

As members of the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, we wish to express our welcome to Rev. W. A. Hales, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, who has consented to pastor our church for the coming year.

On his first meeting in September, he delivered three very able and inspiring messages. His subject for Sunday morning was "The Model Church." If our church members will work together with him, I feel that much good will be accomplished. Let us make our church a model one by following Brother Hales in his endeavors to do a good work among us.

In St. Luke's Gospel we read these words, "No man having put his hands to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." During this awful period of history when our sons are losing their lives on the battle fields, we know that we should do all we can to build up the church of the living God. Many of our homes are broken up due to the boys having to go to the war, and sacrifice their lives because of the sins of wicked people. We Christians are God's children, and no matter how far outside we go, the door of God's love stands wide open for us to return to Him.

Winston Churchill told his people that he could promise them nothing in this war but blood, sweat and tears until the war was over, or fought to a successful close. That is all the promise he could make to his people. But think how much more is God's promise to his people who will trust Him! My dear people, let us trust in our God and abide by His commandments.

God has promised that He will wipe away all tears, and that is the promise of eternal life to those who will accept Him as their persona

Saviour. In this world we are having now all kinds of trouble and disappointments, but we can master all life's situations through faith in Christ Jesus. Let us all, therefore, work together with Brother Hales a little harder than we have done in the past, so that at the end of the year our Master can say, "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

We thank thee, O Lord, that the dawn always follows the night, and that in the darkest house the morning stars shine. Speak to our hearts, dear Lord, as we wait upon Thee. Give us Thy strong word of encouragement to enable us to meet the tasks that are before us. Thou knowest how prone we are to lose heart when the way grows dark. Be Thou a light unto our path this day, we pray.—Amen.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell,
Columbia, N. C.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union of the Western North Carolina Association met with Milbournie Church in Wilson County on August 28, 1943. Rev. D. Bissette conducted the opening devotions, and then the moderator appointed the usual committees of the union. They were as follows: Sunday School, Temperance, Finance and Apportionment. All visitors present were made welcome in the union, and to enjoy the day with us.

The list of ministers was called and a motion was made and carried to purchase a $25 dollar certificate in the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. At this time we called off for preaching services, and Rev. James A. Evans delivered a splendid sermon, after which a nice dinner was served on the church grounds.

The union was called to order at 1:20 in the afternoon, and after the usual devotions were entered into, the first business of the union was the calling of the list of churches. Fourteen were represented by delegates with a total contribution of $40.75. At this time the committees made their reports. The treasurer's report was accepted. Rev. James A. Evans made the Orphanage report. The Apportionment committee divided the money between the Orphanage and the deceased ministers widows.

It was voted to hold the next union with People's Chapel in Wilson County, near Elm City, North Carolina. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the fine hospitality shown to this union. The union was then closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

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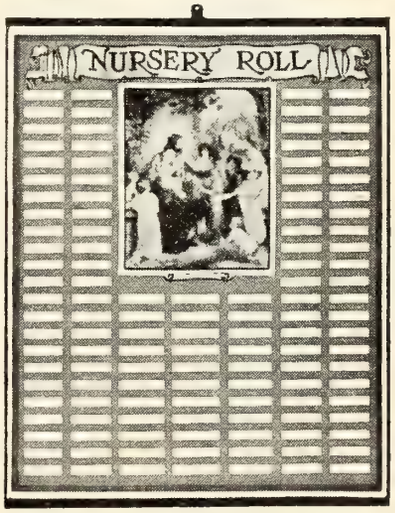

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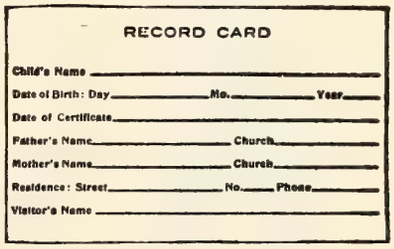
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Some seek for ecstasies of joy;
  Others for gifts of power,
That they might work great miracles,
  As prophets did of yore.
But as for me, one thing I ask:
Grace to perform my daily task.

Some fain would know all mysteries,
  Would open every door
That leads into the vast unknown,
  Its secrets to explore.
I'd rather have a heart made clean
To see my God with nought between.

If I could heap up treasured store
  From every foreign strand,
And all the prizes of success
  Retain within my hand,—
Unless my Father's smile I know,
I'm still a pauper here below.

—Max Isaac Reich

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PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union meeting will be held with the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church on October 30, 1943. The Theme: Christ the Greatest Need of the World.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. C. R. Biggs; subject: Christ the Greatest Need of the Individual
10:15—Moderator's remarks, C. H. Coats
—Enrollment
—Reports of Disabled Ministers' Committee
—Churches report to the Finance and Allocation Committee
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song service
11:20—Sermon by Elder M. E. Godwin; his subject: Christ the Greatest Need of our Church
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by Elder W. H. Lancaster
1:15—Report of Sunday School Board
1:25—Report of Education Board
1:30—Educational address by Rev. R. H. Jackson
1:45—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
2:10—Report of Program Committee
—Treasurer's report
—Petitions for the next union
—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing remarks and prayer by Elder H. R. Faircloth

R. H. Jackson,
W. A. Jackson, Comm.

N. B.—Special music to be arranged by host church.

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second District Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference to be held with Marlboro Church on October 31, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Opening devotions by Marlboro Sunday School
10:20—Business
11:00—Song Service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. Bruce Barrow
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Miss Laurie Wooten
1:15—Institute
2:30—Business
3:00—Closing

Committee:

R. C. Wiggs,
E. C. Hines,
Myrtle B. Jones

PROGRAM

Program of the Albemarle Union meeting to be held with Sound Side Church Saturday, October 30, 1943.

10:00—Devotion service by Rev. L. E. Ballard
10:15—Address by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:30—Enrollment of ministers
10:45—Business period
11:15—Song service and special music. Mrs. L. E. Ballard in charge
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotional service by Rev. R. P. Harris
1:30—Business period and report of committees
2:45—Special music
2:50—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing hymn and benediction

EDITORIAL

The Apostle Paul gave the Church at Philippi a great assurance in these words, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4: 7). The peace and satisfaction, which the Christian has through his personal trust in and guidance by his Master in the walk of this life, give definite assurance unto the hearts and minds of God's children. Paul affirmed that, when the Philippian brethren confined in Jesus as their personal Saviour, and took Him as their Pilot, they would be assured of the peace of God which is beyond human comprehension. He assured them moreover, that the peace in their hearts, resulting from their faith in Jesus Christ, was beyond their ability to describe unto others. Nevertheless, this peace was sufficient to enable them to know that it came from above, and that it came unto their souls because of their faith in the blessed Son of God.

It is through our faith in our Lord and Master that we can be assured of the same peace that the Philippian brethren witnessed in their hearts. It is the peace of God which the Christian has that keeps him close to his Master. How important it is for everyone to call upon Jesus to pilot him through this rugged pathway of life! In connection with the verse quoted above, one writer has given us a beautiful entreary in the following verse:

"O Lord, the pilot's part perform,
And guide and guard me through the storm.
Defend me from each threatening ill:
Control the waves; say, 'Peace, be still.'"

May our request be: "Lord, send upon us, during these trying days, Thy peace that we may know how to rest and confide in Thee."

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Solomon said, "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge" (Prov. 14: 26). All men should fear the Lord because of His mighty power; they should reverence Him because of His wonderful love; and they should worship Him because He is the only true and living God. He has promised to shield His children from the devastating storms of life; He has given them a Teacher of the way to walk; and He has provided an eternal rest for everyone who will obey His commandments. His wrath is to be dreaded, His goodness is to be appreciated, and His mercy is to be accepted with great devotion and reverence. "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life" (Prov. 14: 27). It is through the fear of the punishment of his parents that the disobedient child becomes humble and submissive to the home regulations. May it be said, likewise of sinful men, that when they come to dread the eternal punishment of the heavenly Father, they then desire to be submissive to His holy will and seek to obey His commandments. Then the fear of the Lord becomes "a fountain of life" unto them.

Redeemed individuals love the Lord for what He has done for them. They seek to follow Him each day because they desire His leadership in this sinful world. They know, on the other hand, His wrath shall be visited upon the lost in that Great Day, and eternal doom shall be their portion because they neither feared nor reverenced Him. They neither accepted His love nor His redeeming grace to ever be for them "a fountain of life." Though He was their Creator, yet they accept Him not as their holy Father, nor chose His Son as their personal Saviour. Many have traveled, through the ages, that weary road to despair and ultimate condemnation. The source of their joy and aspirations lay only in the temporal things of this life which they might gather unto themselves only for a season, and then they pass away.

What shall be our choice and who shall be our god? Shall we seek things eternal, and be assured of the "fountain of life," or shall we take unto ourselves the gods of this world, and be cast into "the lake of fire." The question is: "To be or not to be."

FIFTH EASTERN S. S. CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Fifth Eastern district was held at British Chapel on August 29, 1943. A large crowd of people enjoyed a very good convention. Brother Charlie Hines taught the Sunday School lesson. Rev. Randall Bennett brought the eleven o'clock message. Rev. Luke Wetherington presided over the convention in the absence of Brother C. B. Nelson, the president. Several churches rendered special programs.

The next convention will be held at Moseley's Creek Church on October 31, 1943, and the hour will be ten o'clock, E. W. T. Be sure that your Sunday School shall be represented in this great work. Bring a large crowd with you, a little program, and help the convention to be the largest and best we have ever had.

Sincerely yours,
Earl Hansen

PROGRAM

Program for the F. W. B. League Union Saturday evening, October 30, to be held at Sound Side Church

8:00—Opening Hymn: "Onward Christian Leaguers"
—Devotions led by Mrs. Kathleen Swain
—Song: To be selected
—Special prayer for the men and women in service
—Business session
—Program given by local League
—Talk: The Need of Training our Youth in to Day's World by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Report of committees
—Song: "God Be with You"
—League benediction

Written Through the Inspiration of God

I believe the Spirit of the Lord is with me this morning as I sit on the side of my bed and write this article. I have been here at the State Hospital in Raleigh since the fourth day of March, 1943. I had been sick quite a while, and had had five operations before I came here. After a few months I began to improve and could sit up some. Then I was moved to the front Dormitory. After staying there a while, I had improved so well that I went to the chapel to church for the first time since the second Saturday in July, 1939.

I was privileged to go to my old home church, Piney Grove, in Johnston County, and God only knows how glad I was to be there. I felt like my prayers had been answered, as that had been my request for all these many years, just only to go to church there again.

I am now at the State Hospital, taking rest through the day. I try to go to the cafeteria for my meals, and I try to take fresh air and sunshine every day. I get great joy here reading my Bible and praying unto God. I have thought of starting a prayer meeting here in my room, and getting as many of the patients that are able to come in and to join in with me in the service. We certainly do need to pray now, as the world is in such a terrible condition.

I miss reading the Free Will Baptist paper very much, but as I am not strong enough to earn any money at all in any way here to subscribe for it, I would appreciate any old copies to read. Maybe someone will send to me their old copies for me to read. It will help me very much. The Lord always blesses a cheerful giver. (This would be a splendid opportunity for her home church to subscribe to the Baptist paper for one year, and let the Baptist be going to her for her comfort and instruction.—Editor).

When I awoke this morning, I was so happy, and thought how life would be if I had no friends. And as I lay, this verse of scripture came to me, James 4: 14, "What is your life? It is a vapor."

I am enclosing a poem which I wrote to be published in the Baptist paper. Here it is for you to read.

What Is Life?

Life is very sweet,
But without friends and kindred
It could not be complete.

God knows our feelings,
Every kind word we speak;
The tiny seeds here we sow
In heaven we will reap.

Sometimes the day seems dark and dreary,
You feel very lonely and sad;
Then your thoughts should turn to Jesus
He can make you happy and glad.

If you will only trust Him,
Seek to obey His commands;
When you're called from this world,
You will rest in a happier land.

By Mrs. Etta Rose,
State Hospital,
Raleigh, N. C.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

Read St. Matthew 6: 9 to 14 on how to pray. We understand that God is the Creator of all things, but is Father to those only that have had the second birth, or become God's children through adoption. There is a lot of difference between a Creator and a father. For instance, most of us can make a box, but the box would not favor or resemble us. Isn't that plain enough for you to grasp the idea I have in mind? "Hallowed be thy name."

Here are some ways we can hallow, or honor the Lord's name. We can render our praise to Him at any time and in any place for all the good things He has blessed us with. We can refrain from using his name in a vain way, as quoted in Exodus 20: 7. We can assemble ourselves at his house of worship and offer our devotions to Him. I think it was St. Paul who said, "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together."

To my mind here is one reason why we should regularly assemble together. If we scatter live coals of fire, they soon go out; but if we keep them bedded together, the fire remains. So if we stay scattered apart, our fire or zeal for the Lord will vanish. But if we assemble together real often our zeal for the Lord will keep glowing. "Thy will be done in earth, (not on earth) as it is in heaven." Yes, we can help to do God's will in earth. "It is not the will of God that any should perish," or be lost and again, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." We can choose to serve God through Christ and thereby help to do God's will in earth. But so many, and some of them so called Christians or church members are serving Satan, thereby causing a reproach on the church (Militant). Verse 13, "deliver us from evil." How can some people expect the Lord to deliver them from evil when they are continually walking in evil ways? visiting A. B. C. stores and partaking of the products they sell, then racing their cars up and down the highways, thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Nahum 2: 4.

Here is an old, but true proverb, "If you want to keep dry feet don't wade in the water." So, if we want to be delivered from evil, let's not walk (or ride) in the paths of evil, and then fault the Lord when we have to bear the consequences that generally befall those who choose to walk in forbidden paths.

I could have written a more lengthy article, but I consider the fact, that there are more writers wanting space for their articles. May I suggest this, will each family when they have read their church paper, hand it to some non-subscriber for at least two weeks. Perhaps the non-subscriber will get interested enough after reading two copies to send in their subscription, thereby expanding the circulation of a good paper, and giving themselves good religious reading that will cause them to render better service to the Lord.—AMEN.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

REPORT OF NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

How are you good people in the dear old North State? You will be interested, doubtless, to know that I am in northern Missouri where there are some fine people among our churches. Since I last wrote to the Baptist, I have visited a number of churches in Oklahoma. I failed to see Brother Bingham, as he was in revival meetings elsewhere, but his church was in a splendid working order. All the fine pastors in Oklahoma received us with a splendid fellowship which was greatly appreciated. Some of these people knew of the National work, others did not, but everywhere they accepted the Chest and Penny-A-Day plan, or the banks.

Upon leaving the State of Oklahoma, we visited the Missouri State Association, which convened in Monett, Missouri. The meeting was grand from the first to the last. The National Program was presented in a wonderful way. The new preachers heard of the plan of work, and went home with a new vision to go forward and to do more for the cause of Christ. Brother J. R. Davidson's visit did much to arouse interest in the Bible School. He presented the school in a wonderful way, and encouraged the people to support it. Brother Davis and Brother Zinn presented the Mission work of the denomination, and especially the work in Cuba. An offering was taken and the amount was $208. Brother Alread, the pastor of the church, certainly did know how to take care of the association. The women held a wonderful Auxiliary convention also, and we do feel that the women in Missouri will be among the leading Auxiliary workers for the great cause of the denomination.

We left Monett with Brother and Sister Zinn to visit churches around Frederickton and Flat River. We will not have the time to give a report of each separate church we visited, but will call the names of the pastors. Reverends W. M. Reeves and Woodrow Matthews were glad to have had us to visit their churches, and to tell them about our National work. All of their churches are supporting the National Program. We next visited Brother Alvin Holbrook's church at Leadington. We had two good services there. Then we went on to Desloge, Missouri, where we found Brother Ben Dees, who is pastoring one of the old churches which we pastored for three years. It was good indeed to be back with these people. Then we visited Brother Cecil Campbell of Flat River. He is one of our fine young ministers of Missouri. He and his good wife are lined up with the National Program.

Flat River is the church which my husband pastored for three years while I was pastoring Desloge. We left that section and visited Brother Mark Lewis of St. Louis. They are at this time remodeling their church. The people of this church are lined up for the National Program. While there in our service there was one precious soul reclaimed for the service of the Lord. It was also our privilege to visit Sister Edwards, who is our National Auxiliary President at the present time. She is all wide awake for the Auxiliary work of the denomination. From there we went to visit the churches at Berkley, Missouri, and found a good pastor who made us feel at home. In his church we had a good service.

On October the first we left that section and went to Kirksville, Missouri, where we are now visiting churches in the northern part of Missouri. To date we have visited three churches, and two of them have lined up with the Auxiliary Program. The good women at both places said the Book of Programs is what we have needed to go by. When they learned of the Chest plan, they said let us leave off the refreshments, and send the "price" for missions, and put it in the Chest.

Oh, dear women, if you would first follow the example of the New Harmony Auxiliary, and put the price of the refreshments in the Chest for missions, think how great it would be. Think what could be done in one year for missions if all the auxiliaries would do this one thing, instead of serving refreshments. Pray, Pray, dear women! Let us see what God will do for us this year in the auxiliary work.

Now, another word concerning Sister Beane. Any person or auxiliary wishing to send one dollar ($1) each month, send it to me at Huntsville, Texas, Box 43, instead of to Sister Polston, for then, if it lacks any, I can make it up for her. Only a few have responded thus far. I can give all figures to Sister Polston and we will give due credit for all of it. Please pray as you read this message, and ask God to lead you, and if He says send the one dollar per month, you will receive a great blessing. Please keep praying for me as I tour the country for the cause of righteousness.

With God's blessings upon you, I am

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

A RELIGION OF SINGING

"His Mercy Endureth Forever"
Read Psalm 107

When the body of a well-known infidel rested in his home on the banks of the Hudson river, some years ago, the telegraph carried this intimation regarding the funeral service: "There will be no singing." That was very significant. The undertone of all Christian teaching is that every experience can be turned to good account and thus made an occasion for rejoicing.

Lord, we pray that we may be filled with a great gladness which shall abide for ever. Amen.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

The Western Association

It was our privilege to attend the Western Association last week, on Thursday, only, where I met a large number of my old friends and had the opportunity of speaking for the State Association in regards to the Five-Point Program, as outlined by the Association. Also we placed in the hands of the delegates and ministers the Five-Point Program placards to be placed in the churches. This placard gives the objects for which we are striving to make uppermost in all of our activities for the next twelve months, also, gives the names and the addresses of the various treasurers and the officers of the State Association. Please see that these placards are tacked up where they can be seen, and then remember that we are to make offerings accordingly.

Some of the High-Lights

Some of the outstanding things done at the Western were the adopting of the Unified program of the National Association and the allocating of twenty-five per cent of all proceeds to the Unified work. The Superannuation program was adopted in keeping with the State and National Associations in their recommendations.

The fellowship of the delegates and ministers was excellent. Two young ministers were ordained and the Association, through its Ordaining Council, endorsed the ordination of Rev. "Bob" Woolley. The reports were exceedingly good. Interest is growing in all departments of the denominational work.

The same officers who have carried on the work so successfully for the past few years were re-elected without opposition. So all that one has to do, if he desires to get in touch with one of the officers or any of the committee is to get his 1942 minute and look for what he wants.

Revival Meetings

Many of the churches and ministers are reporting good revival meetings in which goodly numbers are accepting and confessing the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. The ingathering of souls, to me, is one of the greatest works that we can do. We are always happy to hear of a great revival meeting in which Christians are consecrated, more deeply, and sinners brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. "Bob" Woolley

We mention the fact that Rev. "Bob" Woolley was accepted into the Western Association as an ordained minister of the Free Will Baptist church. "Bob" has been with me in two meetings this summer and fall. One of these was at Sound Side, Tyrrell County, where the people fell in love with the evangelist. He was invited to conduct the meeting at that place in the year of 1944 at the close of the annual revival this year. A goodly number of Christians were rededicated and backsliders reclaimed, along with eight fine young people who confessed Christ and united with the church.

"Bob" is with me at Black Jack at this writing. The congregation is growing all the time. About a dozen have confessed Christ at this time. "Bob" Woolley is a little different in his manner of preaching from the most of preachers. He illustrates in more explanatory ways than the most of us. He is sound in doctrine, fights sin, both in the church and out of the church. Fundamentally strong on the vital salvation of the Lord Jesus. Denounces all doctrines that denies in the least, the Virgin birth and a complete salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. He preaches more about the "Blood" than the most of preachers. The most of the messages that are delivered are shaped about the "Cross" and the "redeeming" of lost sinners through the Blood.

Not Too Late

If you have not made that offering or your personal gift to Superannuation it is not too late. Why not do it today, or as soon as you can get to the church where all have the privilege to give?

REPORT OF JASPER ASSOCIATION

Alabama

Greetings:

We are truly happy to report that the good Lord is still blessing us in the State of Alabama. We are praising God that a great number of the churches are being revived, and showing more interest in the Master's work. They seem to be showing a greater desire to carry out the Saviour's command to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel unto every creature."

Certainly we do need the prayers of all the people that we as God's children might preach the Word in all its purity, live for Christ, and win lost souls for him.

Our association has just closed, and we did have a great time in the Lord. It was the most spiritual meeting I ever attended, and everyone enjoyed it so much. Rev. A. S. Warren brought the Introductory Sermon. He used as his text, "Behold the Lamb of God." It was a great message.

At the Saturday night service, Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the message, preaching from the text, "Behond the man." At this service we had a number of conversions. An offering was taken for our orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama, and $55.00 dollars was raised for this purpose. On Sunday morning, Rev. W. D. Martin brought a good message at the ten o'clock hour. Also services followed by Rev. H. A. Pitts who preached from the text, "We would see Jesus." It was a wonderful message, and one soul found the Lord. On Sunday night Rev. T. S. Frederick brought the message on the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet. It was a great spiritual uplifting service, and our cups ran over with joy.

Then, at last Rev. T. M. Hass presented Jesus by using the text, "I

find no fault in him." This was also a wonderful message. The business of our association was carried out with brotherly love, and we feel sure that our brethren are dwelling together in unity, striving to battle against sin and Satan. Our greatest desire is to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

We solicit your prayers that we shall have the leadership of the Holy Spirit with us in our work for the Master.

Yours in His amazing grace,

Rev. H. A. Pitts, Moderator,

Brilliant, Alabama

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Central North Carolina Conference convened with the Ayden Church on Saturday, August 28, 1943. Rev. R. H. Mason conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Alexander. After some appropriate remarks by the moderator, the business of the union was entered into.

The following ministers were present: D. W. Alexander, R. H. Mason, C. H. Denton, R. C. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, W. A. Dail, R. C. Wiggs, M. A. Woodard, J. E. Wooten, H. Edgar Harden of Norfolk, Virginia, W. E. Douty of the Geneva Park Church, Norfolk, Va., and Brother Wilson of the Baptist Church in Ayden.

It was ordered that from now on whenever a bill was presented to the treasurer for flowers to be placed on the grave of one of our deceased ministers, he is to pay it. The subject: "The Effect upon the Church of the Christian's Participation in the Various Sins of the Day" was discussed by E. C. Hines. Special music was led by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. The Union Sermon was preached by Rev. H. Edgar Harden. He used for his subject: "The Mission of the F. W. B. Church." An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $23.12.

At 12:30 we were invited to the Community Building just behind the church for lunch. It was certainly a fine dinner. At 1:30 we re-assembled in the church for the transaction of the business of the union. Elder W. A. Dail conducted the devotions. It was so ordered that all money collected from the "Ministers' Institute" be turned over to the Camp Fund.

Rev. W. D. Alexander was appointed to write suitable resolutions of respect in behalf of Elder C. J. Harris. Then the moderator called the union to a moment of silent prayer in memory of Brother C. J. Harris, deceased. It was so ordered that the union buy one $25.00 share or certificate in the Church Finance Association, Incorporated.

The following were elected as officers of the union for the ensuing year:

D. W. Alexander, moderator; R. C. Wiggs, assistant moderator; E. C. Hines, clerk; Leo Tripp, treasurer; C. H. Denton, W. A. Dail, H. L. Spivey, M. S. Cowan, J. L. Nobles, Finance Committee; J. H. Harris, Sr., J. H. Harris, Jr., Treasurer of the Needy Ministers' Fund; R. C. Wiggs, Cora Spivey, D. A. Windham, Program Committee. To represent stock in the F. W. B. Press, D. W. Alexander was elected. Elders D. W. Alexander, M. A. Woodard, J. E. Wooten were elected as the Credentials Committee. Sister Ethel Moye, Isma Whichard, Sophia Hardee were elected as the Floral Committee.

A motion was made to extend to the Ayden Church and community a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown the union. It was so ordered that the committee to pass upon our **Needy Ministers** are to be elected as follows: No. 1 to serve one year; No. 2 to serve two years; No. 3 to serve three years. Then one each year to be elected to serve for a period of three years. The report of the Finance Committee was accepted as follows: N. M. Fund $59.62. N. M. Fund $16.50. The offering for the Orphanage was $23.12, total $99.24. Paid out to the Orphanage $52.93; to the National Unified Program $14.91; to the clerk, $5.00; N. M. Fund, $16.50; total $89.34. The amount left in the treasury $9.90.

The next union will convene with Marlboro Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1943. The union was dismissed by Elder W. B. Nobles.

D. W. Alexander, Moderator,

E. C. Hines, Clerk

SECOND UNION PROGRAM

The Union will be held with Marlboro Church, near Farmville, N. C., on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1943.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by J. Lee Dail
—Short business session
—Minutes read
—Ministers and delegates enrolled
—Visitors welcomed and seated
10:45—"What's the Matter with the World" by D. W. Alexander
11:05—Congregational singing led by C. H. Denton
—Special music
11:30—Sermon by R. B. Spencer
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions led by L. A. Fulford
1:45—Sunday School address by J. E. Ingalls
2:00—Business period and adjournment

By the Committee

KEEP SWEET

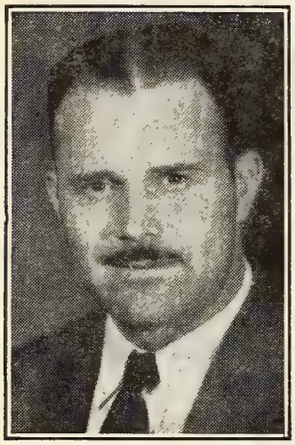
"His Leaf also shall not wither"
Read Psalm 1

One who has exercised a fine influence in this country recently said that he had encountered comparatively little out-and-out agnosticism but that he had met many discouraged people who had become cynical. That is often a temptation to people in middle or later life. The writer of the seventy-third Psalm tells us that after certain experiences his heart became sour (verse 21 — Moffatt translation). Life need not make us sour or cynical. They that wait upon God renew their strength. The promise has never failed.

Lord, know that even our longing for higher things is spread before Thee.

AN INVITATION TO ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

To my many Free Will Baptist friends of Alabama and the adjoining states, we extend to all of you a cordial invitation to attend our State



Rev. J. J. Staab, Moderator

Association that will convene in Alabama City, Ala., November 11, 12, 13, 1943, on Dwight Avenue. I fully realize the many difficulties of gasoline rationing, but we must not let this hinder us from being at the State Association. There are two trains that come to Alabama City, and Greyhound busses. You may ride the Southern train to Attalla, and come by street car to Alabama City. The L. & N. train comes to Alabama City, and also the Bus. We are looking for you to be there.

Our hopes are that we shall see many of the brethren and make their acquaintance, and that the work of our God will be our chief aim in meeting this year. We let our memory drift back to last year and we will join the Psalmist in saying, "Behold, how good and how pleasant for brethren to come together in unity."

My friend the greatest need of our people who call themselves Christians is to come together and really have the fellowship that the Lord said we would have it if we would walk in the light. Let us not isolate ourselves, but let us have that Christian Association that our God will be well pleased with.

May his face shine upon you,

By J. J. Staab,
Birmingham, Ala.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists to meet with Malone Free Will Baptist Church, Dwight Ave., Alabama City, Ala., November 11, 12, 13, 1943.

Thursday Night

7:30—Devotional by Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.
8:00—Sermon by Rev. W. M. Bevins, Berry, Ala.
—Appointment of Credential Committee

Friday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala.
9:15—Reading of Letters; Seating of Delegates
10:00—Partial Report of General Business Board
10:30—Moderator's Message by Rev. J. J. Staab, Birmingham, Ala.
10:45—Report of Christian Workers' Institute by Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. K. V. Shutes
11:00—Song and Devotional by Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsdale, Ala.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Vice-Moderator

11:20—Sermon by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.
12:00—Dinner

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. Leslie Pinson, Sylacauga, Ala.
1:45—Discussion of Our Women's Work by Mrs. K. V. Shutes and Mrs. J. B. Bloss
2:30—Report of Credential Committee
3:00—Some of Our Greatest Needs by Rev. J. S. Frederick, Covin, Ala.

Friday Night

7:30—Devotional by Rev. J. T. Quick, Gardendale, Ala.
8:00—Sermon and Our National Program by Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Millport, Ala.
9:15—Final Report of General Business Board
—Report of Statistician, Rev. K. V. Shutes
10:00—Final Report of Credential Committee
10:45—Devotional by Rev. Douglas Harris, Rt. 7, Birmingham, Ala.
11:15—Sermon by Rev. D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.
12:00—Dinner

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Our Orphanage by Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. P. J. Box
2:00—Report from the National Association
2:15—Appointment of Delegates to the 1944 National and Sister Associations

Rev. J. J. Staab,
Moderator,
2313 33rd Ave., N.,
Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Vice-Moderator,
Box 204, Cordova, Ala.
Rev. W. H. Ryland,
Secretary & Treasurer,
Leeds, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union District of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet on October 31, 1943 with Marlboro Church in Pitt County near Farmville.

We are requesting each Sunday School to send a delegate and a report of your work. We also trust that all teachers, officers and those who plan to be teachers and officers will attend our Institute. It will be in the afternoon, so all who desire will have time to attend Sunday School, if they cannot leave their Sunday School in the morning. Although our convention starts at the usual time in the morning, please come in the afternoon for the Institute. See the program in the Baptist paper for information.

Those who attended our last session please be sure to bring your outlines and papers, as we will need them. If for any reason you could not attend our last Institute, be sure to attend this one, as we are going to revise our work, and connect the points of interest with this session. Efforts are being made to help one to improve the methods of teaching and training officers to better prepare themselves to serve the people in the Sunday School.

We need each prayer that you may offer, and the co-operation of each minister to help us in our great work.

Yours for better Christian service,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE

"Jesus Called a Child unto Him"
Read Matthew 18: 1-11

In his commentary on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Dr. Adam Clarke asks this question: "If, instead of arriving on the scene after the attack was over, the Good Samaritan had appeared just when the robbers were making their plans to attack their victim, what would have been his duty?" Few would deny that he would have been justified in frustrating their plans. It is not enough to help those who have been ruined by some national evil such as the liquor traffic. The lives of the young must be safeguarded. Prevention is better than cure.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

I am asking the Christian people to pray for me, as I am to undergo my fourth operation at the Parrott Memorial Hospital in Kinston, North Carolina. I sincerely need your prayers.

I am fully trusting in the Lord to see me through the operation, as He has done so many times in the past. Will you, as you read these lines in the Baptist paper, pause a moment to utter a word of prayer in my behalf? I shall also be very glad for some of you Christian people to drop by the hospital to see me.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen. daughter
of Rev. R. C. Kennedy,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

REPORT OF THE CHALLENGING QUARTER

I am sending in the report of the Challenging Quarter of the money which I have been receiving from the leagues. The receipts have been coming in slowly from some of the churches is the reason that I have not reported any sooner. There are still others that have not reported as yet.

The report is as follows:

Free Union	$12.75
Hansley's Chapel	8.75
Edgemont Church	6.75
Macedonia	6.50
Hickory Chapel	5.50
Malachi's Chapel	3.50
Total sent in	$43.75

If any other church has reported and which is not listed here, please notify me of the name and the contribution that I might report the same. Some leagues have handed in money without blanks, and this is my report, however, if any league is not listed here, please notify me at my new address.

Mrs. Charlie T. Adams,
Durham, North Carolina,
Route 5.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In January, 1937, the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University issued a bulletin announcing an experiment in the circulation of books to rural ministers of the South. This library is no longer an experiment. The total membership consists of 3,600 ministers from 33 states, and representing 23 denominations. In this six-year period over 74,000 books have been circulated.

Standard books in religion, sociology, world problems, etc., and current books of general interest are among the accessions.

Postage is paid one way by the library, the only expense to the borrower being the return postage, which averages between 3 to 5 cents per book.

Those ministers who are interested are invited to write for information to the Circulating Library, School of Religion, Nashville 4, Tenn.

Very truly yours,
Grace N. Teague,
Librarian

HOMECOMING AT LONG RIDGE

The Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, in Duplin County, will observe its Fourth Annual Homecoming Day on the 24th of October. A special invitation is extended to all former pastors, and the boys in the Servic. The public is also cordially invited to come and bring picnic lunches with them.

Mrs. Ben Sutton

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. Psa.103: 13, 14.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER, 1943

By Mrs. J. E. Frazier

Theme: "Make Missions Real."

I. Hymns . . . "Thy Kingdom Is Coming" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

II. Prayer that we shall be loyal to the flag of our country and to the CHRISTIAN flag and that by our loyal support of missions—home and foreign—we shall hasten the time when Jesus shall reign in America and in the WHOLE WORLD

III. Announcements, records and reports

IV. Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story"

V. Scripture:
1. Marching Orders—Matt. 28: 19
2. The Imperative Reason—Acts 4: 12.
3. Somebody Must Go—Rom. 1: 14-15
4. Somebody Must Send—Rom. 10: 15
5. Everybody Must Help—3 John 5: 8

VI. School of Missions (One-minute talks by five women)

Talk 1. Add—To your faith definite KNOWLEDGE OF MISSIONARY work. 2 Peter 1: 5

Talk 2. Subtract—From your mind ignorance and prejudice against other nationalities. Matt. 21: 43

Talk 3. Multiply—YOUR INTEREST in missions by BIBLE STUDY, stewardship, prayer, and mission study. Mal. 3: 10

Talk 4. Divide — With the lost world the WORD of TRUTH. 2 Tim. 2: 15

Talk 5. Equal — Every lost soul should have an equal chance. Acts 10: 34, 35

VII. "Myself and Missions" . . . 3rd Vice-President

(John 3: 16)

G-od so loved the WORLD that
HE gave His
O-nly begotten
S-on, that whosoever believeth on
HIM should not
P-erish, but have
E-verlasting
L-ife

VIII. Special Duet—"I Gave My Life for Thee"

IX. Prayer that each of us may be really missionary, giving ourselves wholly to KINGDOM SERVICE

Plans and assignments of special work for this month

Benediction

The Auxiliary that forgets itself in its passion for others will in that forgetfulness find itself.

God wants HIS people to be a missionary people—some to GO, some to STAY, PRAY, and PAY.

God has opened the door to Cuba and to India, and it is the privilege of Free Will Baptist women to GO. Will you?

Then Pray daily at 9 o'clock for our missionaries, and PAY regularly that monthly donation for the native Cuban and Indian worker that the National Auxiliary Convention pledged herself to pay at the last session. Third Vice-Presidents, is your auxiliary sending in this native worker donations monthly to Mrs. Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee? Then Why? "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." This is a privilege which Free Will Baptist women have of being "laborers together with God" in making His Way known to the WORLD, that men everywhere may come to know and walk HIS way.

"Guard that which is committeed to thy trust," Third Vice-Presidents!

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

Our society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Cora and Miss Amanda Armstrong on Thursday afternoon, October 7, 1943. The meeting was opened by song service, Scripture reading and prayer.

A program was arranged by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and dues were paid.

Dues collected	$2.05
Offering taken for Superannuation	3.00
Received from sale of furniture polish	1.00
Special offering	1.00
Total taken in	$7.05
Paid for Red Cross Kits	$2.00

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	207
Cards to the sick	3
Sick visits made	31
Trays taken to the sick	6
Flowers given to the sick	1

After the benediction, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. J. R. Swain, Cor.-Secy.

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AUXILIARY REPORT

Our Women's Auxiliary met in regular monthly session on September 7, 1943. We opened the meeting by singing our Theme Song: "I Love to Tell the Story." Our lesson study was taken from the Year Book of Programs. The study was led by Mrs. Joe Fort. Mrs. Fort brought a very interesting discussion on the lesson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with ten members present. One dollar dues was collected and ninety cents for our Jehoiada Chest. There was $4.56 collected as a special offering for the Willeys in Cuba. Then a motion was made to take enough out of the treasury to make it ten dollars.

The meeting then adjourned to meet next time on October 4, 1943.

Mrs. Charles Moeblman, President,
Mrs. Joe Howard, Secretary

REPORT OF AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the North Carolina Central Conference held its semi-annual meeting on September 29, 1943, with Reedy Branch Church. The Convention Theme was: "We can do all things through Christ." It was well stressed by those serving on the program.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard brought us a very inspiring convention message, using for a text Philippians 4: 13. The convention was well attended by the ministers. They are helping us quite much in our work, as their interest inspires us to go forward.

Rev. Robert Crawford was present and expressed his interest in our work. He stated that this was the largest congregation of the kind that he had visited in North Carolina. As most of us know, Brother Crawford is the National Executive Secretary. He stated that he is encouraged with the support of the people, which is being given to the national work.

The reports of the convention were good, as they showed a steady increase in each department of the work. Superintendent James A. Evans of the Orphanage was present, and gave a report gathered from the records of the work done by the societies of our convention. This report was very good, as it showed that our societies are interested in the Orphanage, and are giving it fine support.

The convention paid its obligation of furnishing a room in the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, and it had a balance of $10.34 on the $100 dollar fund for the books for the library.

Our next convention will meet with Sweet Gum Grove Church in Pitt County, in March, 1944.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

24th Week

Belhaven	$ 40.00
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	52.50
Shiloh S. S.	5.00
Shiloh L. A. S.	10.00
Shiloh Church	95.00
Saratoga	56.16
Total	$258.66

(Miss) Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

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CLOTHING MONEY RECEIVED SINCE OCTOBER 9, 1943

Greenville L. A. S.	$20.00
Rains Cross Roads L. A. S.	20.00
Northeast L. A. S. (Balance on $20.00)	5.00

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SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS, 1943

Concert Class Receipts, 19th Week	$ 272.69
Wintergreen L .A. S.	1.00
Bridgeton Missionary Society	2.00
Belhaven S. S.	10.51
Dildy's Grove Church	7.50
Farm Receipts	28.34
Swannanoa L. A. S.	20.00
Wintergreen L. A. S.	19.75
Antioch Church, Wayne county	9.22
Farm Receipts	11.10
Dublin Grove L. A. S.	20.00
Field Secretary (J. C. Griffin, by Projector)	55.03
5th Union, Eastern	58.39
Friendship Church, Jones County	21.50
Wintergreen Church	3.00
Pleasant Plains S. S.	22.57
Core Creek S. S.	18.53
Elwood Lane Church	10.00
Little Rock L. A. S.	18.00
Sullivan Family Reunion	10.00
Rock Fish Union	22.00
Hickory Chapel S. S.	20.00
Hollands Grocery	1.00
Hickory Chapel Leagues	100.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
1st Union, Western	45.00
Mable Avenue S. S.	5.00
Friendship S. S., Johnston County	5.03
G. C. Caine	5.00
Farm Receipts	9.40
Union Grove L. A. S., Wayne County	20.00
Cabin L. A. S.	20.00
Farm Receipts	17.15
3rd Eastern Vocal Union	20.00
St. Mary S. S., Western	13.57
St. Mary Church, Western	34.48
LaGrange S. S.	4.76
Homer's Chapel	4.00
Sound Side L. A. S.	20.00
Warden's Grove S. S.	8.00
Immanuel F. W. B. Church	20.00
Concert Receipts, 20th week	412.51
Clara Harris	2.00
2nd Union S. S. Convention, Central	5.13
Johnson Union S. S.	7.00
King's Cross Roads L. A. S.	20.00
Parker's Chapel S. S.	1.00
Edgewood L. A. S.	20.00
Catherine West	5.00
Farm Receipts	21.10
Winterville S. S.	5.00
Juniper Chapel	4.50
Holly Springs Missionary Society	20.00
Morehead City S. S.	7.57
Snow Hill L. A. S.	20.00
Union Chapel	29.27
Union Chapel S. S.	8.00
Core Creek L. A. S.	20.00
Shady Grove L. A. S.	20.00
Goldsboro S. S.	6.99
Horney Heights Church	5.00
Hugo S. S.	10.00
Hull Road L. A. S.	6.91
Hull Road S. S.	4.00
Little Creek L. A. S.	2.20
Pilgrims Rest S. S.	3.00
1st F. W. B. L. A. S., Norfolk, Virginia	5.00
St. Mary's Church, Eastern	20.00
Pine Level L. A. S.	20.00
White Oak Church	8.12
Farm Receipts	50.62
Grimsley L. A. S.	20.30
Jr. Dept. St. Mary's Church, Eastern	20.00
Kinston S. S.	12.00
Kinston L. A. S.	20.00
Micro L. A. S.	20.00
Farm Receipts	7.37
Sun Beam Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel	20.00
Arapahoe L. A. S.	25.00
Deep Run L. A. S.	21.00
N. Belmont L. A. S.	20.00
Shearon Acres Miss. Society	20.00
Antioch L. A. S., Wayne County	20.00
3rd Union, Eastern	30.00
Farm Receipts	26.80
Grey Branch L. A. S.	5.00
Concert Class Receipts, 21st week	348.07
St. Mary's L. A. S., Western	20.00
Floods Chapel L. A. S.	5.00
Winterville L. A. S.	20.00
Rooty Branch L. A. S.	1.00
Gum Swamp L. A. S.	20.00
Free Union Church, Eastern	18.75
J. C. Griffin, Projector Fund	10.50
State Association (Collection)	332.50
State Association (Appropriation)	185.00
Spring Branch S. S.	3.75
Hansley Chapel Adult League	10.00
H. L. Howard	2.00
Marlboro L. A. S.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Todd and	

(See Orphanage Report on page 15)

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON ABSTINENCE

(Lesson for October 31)

Lesson: Lev. 10: 1, 2, 8-11; Prov. 31: 4, 5; Lu. 1: 13-16.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink" (Judg. 13: 4).

There is no single verse in the entire Bible that so fittingly serves as a warning to our own beloved land as the admonition which is our Golden Text to-day. These words were spoken to a woman in a day when her nation was in deep trouble and in grave danger, and when faith and religion were in temporary decline. In the light of the dark days through which we have been passing, it would pay our entire country to heed these words.

It is argued that certain European nations use wine as an essential part of their daily diet, and it has done those nations no harm whatever. This is a satanic lie. The chief wine-producing and wine-consuming country of the earth is France, and this sad republic lies broken, wrecked, desolate and helpless in the chains of slavery. And this sad condition was brought about largely by her own drunkenness! While the stunned world wondered over the sudden and shameful collapse of French arms, and cried out at the ease with which the German war machine overran her entire terrain, one great French general, named Giraud, made a personal report to Marshal Petain on the cause of the collapse. High in the list of the reasons for the death of a nation General Giraud put the sin of drunkenness: he said France, a nation of winebibbers, drank herself into defeat! France can thank her "glorious" (?) vintages for her shameful collapse.

Italy is Europe's second gratest producer and consumer of wine, and she also has been tested in the crucible of war. Italian forces have failed to score a single victory in the global war, and the so-called "empire" that Italy sought to build, collapsed and is lost to her for generations!

Years ago I was a competing athlete, and I remember the discussion which flared up when our American team went to a certain World Olympic meet. Our men were forbidden to drink wine or beer, or any other liquor, and an argument started when we learned that the French teams were given a daily ration of wine, and other nations followed the same practice. America won the meet, scoring more points than all other competitors in track and field totaled together! France never won a single first, second, or third place in competition, and Italy won just one third place! In many events the American athletes competing against the world, came in first, second and third, thus scoring all possible points in those events! When the results were known, the argument for wine died a natural death!

Would you ride on a train, the crew and engineer of which drank? Would you ride behind a chauffeur who drank? Would you go up in an airplane with a pilot who drank? Ask a factory superintendent concerning his attitude toward the employee who runs his costly machines. Does he let him drink? Modern industry weighs liquor in the balances and finds it waiting.

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What sin seems to have been back of the presumptuous act of Nadab and Abihu? (Lev. 10: 1-11. Note esp. vss. 9-11).

2. What were the specifications of the vow of the Nazarite in the Old Testament? (Num. 6: 2-8).

3. What are some of the woes sure to beset a drunkard? (Prov. 23: 29, 30).

4. What does God have to say to the man who induces another to use strong drink? (Hab. 2: 15).

5. What to a large extent caused the downfall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah? (Is. 5: 11; 28: 1, 3, 7, 8; Hos. 7: 5, 6).

6. What is the moral and intellectual effect of the continud use of strong drink? (Prov. 23: 33-35).

7. In view of what coming event did Jesus warn against drunkenness? (Lu. 21: 34).

8. With what kind of works is drunkenness classed by the Apostle Paul? (Rom. 13: 13; Gal. 5: 21).

9. What is the only hope for one who wishes to escape the bondage of sin? (Rom. 6: 16-22).

10. What more than a temperate life does God require of man? (John 3: 1-7).

11. Be sure to study the lesson helps in our quarterlies for a sane, Biblical Presentation of the truths contained in this lesson. Every Bible School teacher ought to have access to our Advanced Quarterly this week.

III. Heart of the Lesson

This lesson centers around the **Divine prohibition** in Lev. 10: 9. It is most probable that it was an excess of alcoholic liquor which was responsible for the sin and tragic end of the eldest sons of Aaron (vs. 1), hence this prohibition to prevent a repetition of such a tragedy. Behind it we see the mercy of God as well as His holiness. He punishes the few that many may walk in the fear of the Lord, and avoid falling into a similar sin. This offering of "strange fire" is a warning to us today, lest we should neglect the Divine prohibitions and offer the fire of our passion, pride, self-will. How much of the worship and service we render is in danger of being charged with the accusation of being strange fire. We offer to God not that which He commands and is as a sweet smelling savor unto Him (Eph. 5: 2), but that which is prompted by selfish desires and motives. We cannot say, "I did so, as I was commanded" (Eze. 12: 7); rather do we do as we feel inclined. Thus we miss the blessing of the obedient (Rev. 22: 14). Upon the altar of our hearts should burn the fire of love, obedience, sacrifice, the fire of the Holy Spirit. Yet how

often we have made use of the strange fire of human excitement, of vehement gesticulation, of mere emotion. Strange fire has been kindled in our censers (Exo. 30: 9) and communicated to others. We cannot be too careful to **separate** ourselves from all known sin. They that bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean, obedient (Is. 52: 11). To know the Lord is not sufficient; we must do as He **commands** if we would be blessed and enjoy His friendship. "Ye are My friends," said Christ, "if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15: 14). Remember we are to be temperate in all things. Samson was a total abstainer all his life (Judg. 13: 4, 7, 14); nevertheless another sin brought him low.

What avail'd this temperance not complete
Against another object more enticing?
What boots it at one gate to make defence,
And at another to let in the foe?

That is Milton's comment on Samson, **"A temperance not complete."** Every gate must be barred and bolted against Satan and, who best can help us than our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Satan found no weakness in Him (John 14: 30), and through Him we can keep out Satan and be "more than conquerors" (Romans 8: 37).

—Selected

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Cape Fear Conference which will convene at Tee's Chapel, Johnston County, on Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1943, at 10:00 A. M., Eastern War Time.

Thursday Morning Session

10:00—Song service by congregation
—Devotions by Elder C. R. Biggs
—Welcome address by Eld. M. E. Godwin
—Response by M. L. Johnson
11:15—Moderator's address
—Enrollment of officers, standing committees, delegates and visitors
—Appointment of special committees
11:40—Congregational singing
—Special music by local church
12:00—Introductory sermon by Eld. W. H. Lancaster
12:50—Recess for dinner

Afternoon Session

2:00—Devotions by M. A. Warrick
—Report of churches
—Petitions from churches desiring membership
2:40—Report of Executive Committee
2:45—Report on Education, followed by address by Eld. T. E. Beaman
—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Committee on Temperance
—Report of delegates to other conferences and associations
—Report of Committee on Obituaries
—Miscellaneous business
4:00—Adjournment

Evening Services

8:30—Devotions by Eld. L. J. Carlsyle
8:45—Sermon by Eld. Herman Wooten
—Music to be arranged

Second Day

Friday Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Eld. C. H. Coats
10:20—Reading of minutes of previous day
—Enrollment for second day
—Report of Committee on Resolutions
10:45—Auxiliary work (to be supplied)
11:00—Report of orphanage work by James A. Evans and special offering
11:30—Congregational singing
—Devotions by Elder G. C. Joyner
11:45—Sermon by Elder W. K. Jordan
12:30—Recess for dinner

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Eld. R. H. Jackson
1:45—Report of Committee on Ministerial Labor
—Report of Finance Committee
—Superannuation work by Eld. M. L. Johnson
—All other reports
2:00—Election of delegates to other conferences and associations
—Election of officers and committes to fill vacancies of any Standing Committees
—Petitions for the next session
2:30—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment, closing remarks, and prayer by Elder H. R. Faircloth

W. J. Langdon,
H. T. Hinson,
R. McLeod. Comm.

P. S.—All church letters, together with donations, will be handed direct to the Finance Committee on arrival at conference.

PROGRAM

Program for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention to be held at Sound Side October 31, 1943.

10:00—Devotions conducted by Joe Brickhouse
10:15—Remarks by the President
—Recognition of ministers
10:30—Business
—Minutes of last meeting
—List of Sunday Schools and Reports
11:00—Special music arranged by Mrs. Julian Swain
11:10—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Ballard
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions led by Mrs. Marie Griffin
1:10—Music arranged by Ed Armstrong
1:20—Business continued
2:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
Mrs. H. I. Fowler,
Alonza L. Reynolds,
Program Committee

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye menof Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 41: 14.

Boys and Girls Corner

MOSES—A LITTLE BABY FOUND BY A PRINCESS

Leota L. Knopp

The King Pharaoh that was so kind to Joseph, died and another king ascended the throne in his place. The king was called Pharaoh, also, but he was not kind. In fact, he was a wicked king, and did not treat the Children of Israel nice at all. He made slaves of them and made them work very hard for him.

At one time he issued an order that all the baby boys were to be killed. When Moses was born his mother hid him away. She did not want her baby boy to be killed. At last he got too big to hide, because when he cried, he cried loudly. People could hear him, then. His mother made a little basket. She made it waterproof and lined it with nice soft things and then she laid baby Moses inside. She took the basket down to the river Nile and hid the basket in the great tall grasses along the river bank. She told his sister to stand near-by to see that no harm would come to the little baby boy.

It was not long until the king's daughter came along. She had some of her servants with her. She was going to bathe in the river. She saw the little basket among the tall grasses and sent her servants to fetch it. She looked at the dear little baby boy and no doubt her heart was touched. We can imagine how Moses' sister felt! What would happen to her little brother? Would the Egyptian king's daughter see that the child was a Hebrew and throw him into the river to be eaten by crocodiles? Would she give him away? What would happen to her baby brother?

But ah, love is stronger than fear! The baby began crying. Who can resist a baby's cry? Maybe you have a little baby brother in your home. When he cried the whole family wants to take care of him. When baby Moses began crying the king's daughter was touched and she pitied him. She knew he was probably hungry. Moses' sister came from her place of hiding and asked the princess if she should go and get a nurse for the baby. The princess was willing for her to do so, and she ran and got her mother. The mother was paid for taking care of her own son. This is just how wonderfully God works. Moses grew. His mother taught him about God and about his forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and no doubt told him all about Joseph and his brothers When he was old enough he went to live at the palace with Pharaoh's daughter. He was then called her son. He lived there about forty years, or, until he was forty years old.

No matter what we give to the Lord, He always blesses us and takes care of us. The Children of Israel were God's people. Moses belonged to the Children of Israel. This is why God took care of him. God watched over Moses for He had something great for him to do. If you will read the Book of Exodus, you will find there the great task God gave to Moses, and how Moses performed the work that God had him do. Do you wish to be a man or woman God can trust? All right, then give yourself into His care and keeping. Allow God to use you!

Weekly Offering Envelopes

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas our Heavenly Father saw fit on April 1st, 1943, to take the spirit of our faithful servant and brother, Rev. M. C. Prescott, we Ministers of the Fifth Eastern Union Meeting and its members bow our heads in submitting to His divine hand, realizing that he shall be missed as long as our minds are normal and hold his association close to us for we will think of him as a faithful servant.

First, Brother Prescott had been one of our outstanding leaders in our work. He had held many very responsible offices in our Church in its ranks as most any of our ministers have done during their careers. His wide experience and knowledge of our Church activities shall be missed as we miss his presence. He leaves behind him a very lovely family and a host of ministers and friends who shall forever esteem his name because of his loyal and faithful service.

Secondly, We asked God to let his richest blessings rest upon his entire family and the great host of friends whom he has left behind. May each of them strive to reach that high standard of living that will enable each of them to grasp that eternal spirit in life that he had faith in, taught and believed.

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IN MEMORY OF B. F. LITTLE

Thou are gone, my precious Brother,
Never more can thou return;
Thou shall sleep a peaceful slumber
'Till the resurrection morn.

There'll be no more sorrow,
No parting, no sad goodbys;
Where we'll ever live with Jesus,
In that land beyond the skies.

Thou art gone, our dearest Brother,
Never can we meet you here;
But we hope some day to meet you,
In that land so bright and fair.

Oh, my Dear precious Brother,
How I miss you no one can tell;
But I hope some day to meet you
On that happy, happy shore.

Mother loved you, yes we all loved you,

But the angels loved you best;
And they have sweetly called you
To yonder shining home to be at rest.

Frank has gone from a world of pain,
And we're left to mourn and weep;
For my darling Brother has fallen asleep
Sleep on and take thy rest.

All our days are dark and dreary
Lonely are our hearts today;
For the one we loved so dearly
Has forever passed away.

Brother, you are gone but not forgotten
Nor shall you ever be;
As long as life and memory lasts
We shall always remember thee.

—Written by his sister,
Mrs. D. C. Taylor

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VALENTINE. Mrs. Ida R. Valentine quietly and peacefully departed this life on August 30, 1943. She had been bedridden, and under medical attention for a long time. She suffered a severe stroke of paralysis on March 7, 1938.

Mother bore her suffering patiently and never complained. She showed a life of love and kindness in her home, and toward her neighbors and friends. Mother impressed everybody with her religious convictions, with her thankfulness, and with her faith in God unto the very last. Just before her very last, she sang sweetly,

"I am trusting Lord in Thee,
Blessed Lamb of Calvary;
Humbly at Thy cross I bow,
Save me Jesus, save me now."

Mother was a member of St. Delight F. W. B. Church since her early days. She attended as faithfully as she could as long as she was able to go to church. She was 71 years, 4 months and 15 days old when she died. She was the widow of the late Rev. J. W. Valentine, of Cedar Rock, Franklin County, N. C.

Her funeral was preached in the home on Tuesday, August 31, at 2:30 p. m., by the Rev. John Edwards, Missionary Baptist minister of Centerville, N. C., and Rev. B. B. Richardson, F. W. B. minister of Middlesex, N. C., and Rev. I. Jernigan, F. W. B. minister of Spring Hope, N. C. She was buried near the old home in the family cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

She was the mother of ten children, five of whom preceded her to the grave some years ago. Those left to mourn her loss are: Ida E. and Emmitt Valentine of the home, W. H. Valentine and family of eight children, of Moulton, and Creedmore, N. C., Mrs. Lizzie Leonard and family of eight children, Louisburg, N. C., Route 2, and Toy C. Valentine, Raleigh, N. C., State Hospital. Two brothers and one sister; Bob May, Rocky Mount, Thomas H. May, Fayetteville, N. C., and Mrs. Geneva Collins, Castalia, N. C.

Dearest Mother, you are gone,
But not forgotten;
Sweetest thoughts will always linger
In our memories of you.

—By her daughter,
Ida E. Valentine

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He was superintendent of our high school several years ago; and made his life long friends. It has been an inspiration to have him back with his broader knowledge of the things of life.

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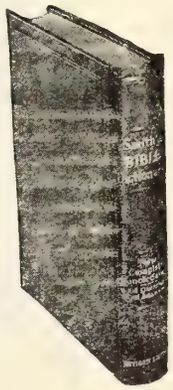

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Sunday, October 31, Mt. Tabor, Washington county, 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Sunday, October 31, Greenville, Pitt county, 8:30 P. M.

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Fourth Union will be held at Free Union Church, Greene County, October 30, 1943.

10:30—Devotional by Rev. L. B. Manning

11:00—Business

11:30—Rev. N. D. Beaman, open and Rev. L. B. Manning preach

12:30—Dinner

1:30—Reassemble

—Business

2:30—Mission talk by Rev. P. C. Wiggs

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God of our fathers, known of old,
  Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
  Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

The tumult and shouting dies,
  The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thy ancient sacrifice,
  A humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

Far called, our navies melt away,
  On dune and headland sinks the fire;
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
  Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
  Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use—
  Or lesser breeds without the law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
  In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
  And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish ward,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord! Amen.

—Rudyard Kipling

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Following is the program of the Georgia State Association, which will convene November 16-17, 1943, with Greenwood F. W. B. Church, 8 miles southwest of Camilla, Georgia.

Tuesday, November 16

10:00—Devotional, Rev. Bruce Clenny
—Welcome Address, Rev. C. J. Harvey
—Response, E. C. Davidson
—Appointment of Credentials Committee
—Enrollment of ministers
11:00—Moderator's message, Rev. H. L. Catrett
—Luncheon
1:00—Devotional, Rev. S. T. Shutes
—Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Treasurer
—Appointment of Resolutions and Temperance Committees
—Report of correspondents appointed last year
—Discussions and announcements
7:30—Devotional, Rev. J. D. Payne
—Sermon, Rev. A. B. Arel

Wednesday, November 17

10:00—Devotional, Rev. John Little
—Reports from:
Sunday School Secretary
Temperance and Resolutions Committees
Foreign Missions Representative
Home Missions Representative
National Association Representative
11:00—Sermon, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of National Association
—Luncheon
1:00—Devotional, Rev. E. C. Morris
—Appointment of delegates to National Association
—Election of officers and boards
—Appointment of Program Committee
—Appointment of time and place for next session
—Miscellaneous
—Adjournment

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IF YOU COULD SEE

You seem to doubt my love for you,
Since we are far apart;
But, Darling, if you just could see,
And understand, my heart;

You'd find my dearest memories
Are those of hours we shared;
You'd find no secrets kept from you.
To whom all truths are bared;

You'd find a constancy that vies
The stars that glow, untiring;
You'd find my wish to do, and give,
The things your heart's desiring;

You'd find a trust, unwavering,
That never lets me doubt you;
And, oh, you'd find my only fear
Is fear of life—without you!

EVENING

Softly now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away;
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, I would commune with Thee:

Thou, whose all-pervading eye
Naught escapes, without within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault and secret sin.

Soon, for me, the light of day
Shall forever pass away;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee;

Thou, Who, sinless, yet has known
All of man's infirmity;
Then from Thine eternal throne,
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

—George Washington Doane

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EDITORIAL

KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS UP

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THE NORFOLK REVIVAL CLOSED WITH GREAT SUCCESS

Reverend H. Edgar Harden informs us that the Norfolk Revival closed with great success. Thirty-eight members have been won for the new church. Great rejoicing has come over the splendid outcome of this meeting. The large majority of these members are grown men and women who have a purpose in taking membership with the Free Will Baptist church, and they will, it is hoped, prove a great blessing to the denomination as a whole.

Brother Harden states to us that he and Brother W. A. Hales have perfected the church organization, and the members will become busy in going forward with the work of the church, and the Sunday School. Proper officials of the church have been elected, deacons ordained, treasurer elected to have charge of the finances, and everything put in a working condition for the glory of God.

The name given to the local organization is: SOUTH NORFOLK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. This name is derived from the location, which is "South Norfolk." It shall be known, therefore, as South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, and of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of America. It is Brother Harden and the charter members' hope and expectation to make it a "model church" as time passes.

All Free Will Baptists who are living, for the time being, in that vicinity of the city of Norfolk are cordially invited to attend services at this church. The place is the Woodman Hall in South Norfolk. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Should anyone desire to write Brother Harden at any time, please address him as follows: Rev. H. Edgar Harden, 2303 Springfield Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRAYER MEETING

We are happy to report that the young people's prayer meeting of Shoal Creek Valley, which is held at the different homes of the community, is progressing nicely with the co-operation, and prayers of the young Christians. We come together to pray with and for each other, and so far, we have accomplished our purpose.

Pray for us that we will do some good and be able to lead some sinners to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Hubert Bishop, President,

J. D. Donnell, Secretary

Why I Still Pray

By Rev. R. B. Spencer, Ayden, N. C.

(This article was published in the "Moody Monthly Magazine" in the November issue, 1938. It is being published in this issue of the Baptist paper at the request of several of the Baptist readers.)

I have believed in prayer for many years, and continue to pray. My mother taught me to repeat the Lord's prayer. And when I had learned to say it from memory, she would have me repeat it each night. How well I remember those moments which she devoted to me! They made deep impressions upon my childhood, and have followed me those many years.

Although I did not understand then just why she was so desirous of teaching me this prayer, it has been made clear now. Time and life experiences have through the years shown me the purpose of mother's love for her son. Surely she had in mind the words of Solomon, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22: 6), as I sat on the little stool by her side in the evening, and repeated the prayer after her. Years have passed, and she has long since gone to her reward, but there lingers in my heart the fond remembrance of those days by the old fireside in our country home, when I first learned the Lord's prayer. In some way, which I am unable to explain now, my very nature feels the influence of prayer. It has had a great part in my life, and I still like to pray. Mother's teaching has been a great help to me in life. I continue to pray because God answers prayer. He has answered prayer for me, and I believe He is ever true to His Word.

College Funds Provided

Several years ago I was in college. My funds were very limited, but I was desirous of a college education. I entered in the fall with fifty dollars, and no direct source in view for additional funds. My father was poor and unable to furnish me with the necessary money to go on through the year. I had hope, however, and registered in September with the other boys. I applied for a place at the college dining-hall for a chance to wait on the table for my board. The committee informed me that they had no place for me. This was discouraging, but I continued in school, nevertheless, for two and a half months, getting very little to do at odd jobs out of school hours. The amount which I had when I entered school had almost given out, and the crisis came. What was I to do? No job and no money! The way looked dark and heart-rending.

One Saturday night I sat all alone in my room in one of the dormitories. Bewildered and heartbroken, tears trickled down my cheeks and dropped on the table. Minutes passed, my light was turned out, and everything seemed to be quiet. Then mother's prayer came to me. I began to pray to God to let me stay in college. I did not want to leave school. I had an ambition, a purpose, in my heart. I prayed on a while longer, then my tears dried off my cheeks. I ceased praying and got up from my chair and turned on the light. Somehow I felt better, but a way had not been made plain to me. The only thing for me to do was to go home. But something seemed to say, "Stay a few more days."

The first three days of the following week I went to my classes, but all was gloomy, and my hopes seemed to be blasted. On Thursday afternoon I called at the office of the college, and made known my story to the business manager. When I had finished, he picked up the telephone and called a business man in town. When the conversation was over, he directed me to that man's store. I went. The business man gave me a job which netted me a few dollars. A few days later, the college president sent for me. I went reluctantly, for I felt that he had decided it would be best for me to leave college. He had heard of my story and went over the situation with me. Then he assured me of all the work that I could do for several weeks, and keep up my studies.

Yes, prayer did it, I believe. God answered my prayer that Saturday night in that dark room when I was all alone. I stayed in college four years, and accomplished the great desire of my heart. I believe God does answer prayer. I have never forgotten that Saturday night, though it is twenty-five years ago, and I hope I never shall. God was with me then, and He will still be with me if I continue to pray and keep near His side. If I did not believe God answers prayer, I would not continue to pray.

A Miraculous Healing

As the years have passed, and God has blessed me with a good wife and two fine children, I still pray. And as I grow older, more and more do I feel the need of praying to God. When heavy burdens come, I go to God in prayer. He has often lightened the load and given joy to my heart. When friends and loved ones are in trouble, and the way seems dark and gloomy, I am glad to pray for them. I feel the need of making intercessory prayers often to God on their behalf.

As a minister of the gospel, I have frequent calls to visit the sick and pray with them. I remember one of my church members who was in the hospital for a serious operation. He was well up in years, and had been in declining health for several months. His family physician insisted that he go to the hospital for an operation. When the surgeon saw his critical condition, he considered it best not to complete the operation. He held out no hope for him, and told his family that they might expect the end soon. I was called to his bedside with his family to pray for him. His request was that I pray that God would heal him so that he could go home and be at the church on the next regular fourth Sunday services. I prayed that the Lord might grant

him his request, and that he might get well. On my next regular appointment to preach at his church, as I began preaching, this brother walked into the church. I rejoiced because God had answered prayer. Every time I see this brother, whether in his home or at the church, I think of the Sunday afternoon when I prayed in his hospital room that God might restore him to health, and let him go back to his church to worship Him.

Many Unheard Accomplishments of Prayer

In this age of wickedness, fast living, and apparent indifference to godly living on the part of so many people, I feel all the more need of praying to God for guidance, for safety from harm and from the pitfalls in life's pathway. Through prayer I am always glad to thank Him for health, strength, and all the blessings of life which He so graciously bestows upon me and my family. How wonderful are all of His blessings! God has done wonders and will continue to give His children great blessings if they will call upon His name in sincerity and in truth. Alfred Tennyson once said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." I agree with him, and can say that I do not regret any time that I have spent in prayer to God, for I know He has repaid me manifold.

It is true, God does work in many ways His wonders to perform. I feel that it is my duty, as well as a God-given privilege, to pray. The blessed Saviour, when He was on earth, felt the need of praying to the heavenly Father, and taught His disciples to pray. God has brought to pass many wonderful things through the prayers of His followers. Many a vile sinner has been brought to Christ by prayer. Great things have been accomplished for the cause of righteousness because Christian men and women went to God earnestly in prayer. Burdens have been relieved, sorrows have been appeased, many sick and emaciated bodies have been healed by the divine power through the prayers of consecrated believers in Christ Jesus. God has promised to hear the prayers of the faithful, and He will give peace and joy to the disturbed at heart if they will call upon His name, believe in His power to save, protect, and keep them in the straight and narrow way. No matter how far one has gone from God, or how cruel he may have treated his fellow man, sincere prayer will reach God's heart, and He will hear the humblest petitions from the lowly at heart.

I am glad that I continue to believe in prayer. It is a joy to my heart to pray, for I get great satisfaction in offering my petitions to God. And when the great summons comes from the One above, I want to be able to breathe a farewell word of prayer in parting from my loved ones.

AMERICA'S GREATEST TREASURE

Spiritual wealth is of infinitely greater value than any natural resources. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold" (Prov. 22: 1). "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Prov. 14: 34). "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36) America is one of the richest countries in the world, but its greatest treasure is slipping through its fingers. The **New York Sun** some months ago quoted a statement made by the famous French statesman, De Tocqueville, when he visited this country in 1931. "I sought for the greatness and genius of America," he said, "in her commodious harbours and her ample rivers, but it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good and if ever America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." Do our pulpits "flame with righteousness" today? Are we not in grave danger of ceasing "to be good"? Increasing profanity in print as well as in talk is just one of the danger signals. Here are two warnings from God's Word that we should do well to ponder,—the first spoken primarily to Israel, but certainly applicable to us: "And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deut. 8: 17, 18). "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have needs of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see" (Rev. 3: 17, 18).

—S. S. Times

SPECIAL NOTICE

All mail for Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and also for the "Sunday School Exchange" should be addressed to P. O. Box 136, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The Reverend Ballard is now pastor of St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church in that city. The church is located right on the Highway to Norfolk (U. S. No. 17), and just one block from Main Street in Elizabeth City.

The church is open all the time, and the people passing through the city, are cordially invited to stop for a visit.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Pastor

He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3: 24.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. Tit. 3: 8.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary of North Carolina
State Association

Revival at Black Jack

The revival meeting at Black Jack, which closed October the 17th, was one of the best that we have witnessed in a long time. God wonderfully blessed the efforts. As we said last week, "Bob" Woolley did some real preaching. There were 38 additions to the church, thirty-one of these were baptized the Sunday afternoon as the meeting closed that night. That night the Holy Spirit fell in great power and we were made to rejoice. Others came to the altar and surrendered their life to the Lord Jesus, so we have four more to baptize. God, said through Isaiah, "My word shall not return unto me void."

The Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference which convened at Whaley's Chapel last week was well attended, considering the problem of transportation now days. Finance was at "flood-tide" for the first time in many years. I have known the Conference for twenty-five years and I do not remember it ever being better but one time, that being twenty-three years ago. The Orphanage received $500.00 as a result. A $100.00 check was given to the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and the other distributed according to "Free Will methods," for retired ministers, and other denominational work.

F. W. Baptist Press Report

Rev. R. B. Spencer, editor of the Free Will Baptist, and the Advanced Quarterly made a glowing report of the work being done by the Press and the large number of subscriptions going into the office. Such a report as made by Brother Spencer is inspiring to those who gave their money to the Lord through the Institution back yonder when a DOLLAR looked "big" in the eyes of the most of us. Yes, God is blessing. The Free Will Baptist is growing. Reports from all over the field tell us that there is growth. However, there is room for more growth—we have not near gotten to the rim yet, but we have started, and there is a large number of Free Will Baptist, who have fixed it in their mind "To keep on keeping on" for the glory of God.

The Temperance Report

A great Temperance report was brought before the Conference and passed with much "noise" that appeared to be rejoicing. This report in the way of a resolution declared, "We will not support the liquor traffic in any way, nor support the wet politician, or any person who is in favor of the liquor traffic." This is the substance of the paper. It was gotten up by some good women, who are in dead earnest about what they say and do about the matter. Being the Moderator, I did not vote, but I was, and, I am for it with all my heart. God has long since shown me that I could not follow Jesus and support "wet politicians." Christians do not walk around with a "ration book for whiskey" in their pocket, nor hang around "beer-joints." Church members do such tricks, but not CHRISTIANS. Real Christians are "CLEAN FOLKS."

Whaley's Chapel Hospitality

The church at Whaley's Chapel and its good pastor, Rev. M. L. Johnson had planned, and they put it across; one of the greatest receptions ever received in our knowledge of the Conference. The people were served dinner on the grounds for two days, with home made food, largely, and it certainly looked as if they knew nothing of the problems of getting food under the rationing system. But, the greatest thing was the spirit of welcome which was seen in the activities of these good people. They wanted everybody to be happy with them in the entertainment. These people really have the old fashion SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

The Next Conference

The next conference scheduled to be held one year from this date was voted to go to Warden's Grove, Pamlico county, and Rev. J. W. Alford was selected to preach the Introductory sermon. Warden's Grove is another of those places where people live at home and always show great hospitality. Let us pray that we may go forward and make some progress this year for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

LET'S DO WHAT WE KNOW

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," (John 13: 17). Jesus has just finished observing the ordinance of feet washing (humility) with his disciples and is now telling them, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Shall we think about this scripture as applying to, not only the washing of the Saints' feet, but also to other phases of service in our Christian experience? I believe we can do so without changing or taking from the original application.

Many times this has been said: "I'd be glad to work for the Lord, but I don't know what to do." After prayer and meditation about this condition, I have come to this conclusion; we don't do what we know to do!

Too many want to do the "big" things and do not want to be bothered with the "little" and to them trifling things, but which must be done by someone. Observe the life of the person that is doing "big" things for God and you might be amazed at how many "little" things they're also doing, such as visiting the sick, writing letters to boys in service, Godly conversations with their neighbors, etc. In other words they are going quietly about their business of being a Christian! They have learned a great and wonderful truth: the simplest acts of service, when done in the name of our Lord, is the greatest privilege that can come to mortals.

We know to go to prayer meeting and pray for the lost, the Church, our Denomination. Do we go? Do we pray? We know to visit the sick and afflicted, to support the widows and orphans, to study God's Word, to go to Sunday School and League. Do

we do these things? And yet multitudes of Free Will Baptists say, "I'd work for the Lord if I knew what to do." I declare unto you if we would do what is at our hands to do, we'd not be idle one single minute!

Too many preachers want large pastorates, fine church houses, good salaries before they will serve. They do not seem to see the back-woods school-houses, the brush arbors, the cottage prayer meetings as a place to preach the Word. Seemingly, their only thought is "What can they give me? **not** "What can I give them?"

Let's do what we know and then when greater tasks are assigned to our hands, we shall be capable of doing them. "And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities" (Luke 19: 17).

Let's be happy in our Christian experience. Let's do the things we know to do and before you know it we shall be witnessing unto the uttermost parts of the earth as well as at home, and we shall know what to do.

Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
1917 Pestalozzi Street,
St. Louis, Missouri

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls
Greenville, N. C.

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" I guess it is only human nature for most all of us to want everybody to think well, and speak well of us. But before we let this desire go too far, we should stop and consider if the Lord will think well of us, if we try to conduct our life so we will be able to win the praise of sinners and the praise of Christians at the same time.

Remember, we cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. That will be what we are trying to do if we are getting praise from all men at the same time. Now read the first part of verse 26, Luke 6, then read the last part of verse 26 and you will find out that you will be acting the part of a false prophet, and the Lord will not be pleased at that. So, He has pronounced his woe against you, or me.

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." (I Corinthians 14: 15). I wonder how many of us ever stop to consider what idea the Song-writer had in mind when he wrote some of our good old hymns. We would do well to study over some of our songs and get the real meaning that the writer put in them. Then I think we could sing them with the spirit much better. When we understand the condition under which "The Star Spangled Banner" was written, we can sing it with lots more spirit and PEP.—AMEN.

THE WAY TO THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

By D. A. Windham

The North Carolina Central Conference meets with Mt. Olive Church in Washington County. Those traveling by automobiles, and going by Williamston, North Carolina, will take highway from Plymouth through Jamesville one mile, turn right at blue arrow marked "Mt. Olive," and follow arrows to the church.

Those going by Plymouth will take highway for Williamston about three miles, and turn left at blue arrows and go straight to the church.

Those going by Washington will take highway for Plymouth, leaving Washington and road to Belhaven, and going about six miles from Washington turn left for Plymouth for around 10 miles, about one mile past the Washington County line turn left at Blue arrow marked "Mt. Olive," and follow blue arrows to the church by Hoke Station.

Those travelling on bus we are asking them to co-operate with us by changing from bus at Washington and Plymouth to the train by Norfolk Southern, and get off at Hinson, which is only about one half mile from the church. The train leaves Washington about 12 M., and from Plymouth about 1:45 P. M.

We are asking this because the bus stops are about nine miles from the church, and we have the same gas problems that you do. All trains will be met.

All turns will be indicated by blue arrows, pointing the way and will be adjacent to highway signs. For further information, write David Ange Jamesville, N. C., or D. A. Windham, Greenville, N. C.

THE WAY TO HAPPINESS

I met a man the other day
Whose sunny manner seemed to say
That he had found the happy way.
I asked the secret of his smile;
He gave a thoughtful look the while
And answered somewhat in this style:
"Six things have I that spell content,
Six things that mean a life well spent,
That make for real accomplishment.
"A peaceful mind,
A grateful heart,
A love for all that's true,
A helping hand,
Real tolerance,
And lots of things to do."
I took my way with courage new,
With kindlier feelings, broader view,
Trying to think his answer through.
That man had found the secret key
Of how to live and what to be,
And passed it on to you and me.
Then let us try his simple plan
Of faith in God and love for man,
And imitate him if we can.

—S. W. Graffin

A GOOD WORD FOR THE BAPTIST

Thanks a lot for the nice word in the editorial week before last. If it's not taking up the space that some one else would have, I will be glad to send in sermons, or sermonettes, from time to time. May the rich blessings of the Lord be with you and the entire "Baptist" staff as you labor to send forth the "printed messenger" which is such a blessing to our beloved denomination. Words would fail me to try to tell you what it meant to have the Free Will Baptist as a weekly visitor during my illness.—E. M. C.

FOUR THINGS THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

FIRST—You Need to Be Saved

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23).

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccles. 7: 20).

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64: 6).

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17: 9).

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53: 6).

SECOND—You Cannot Save Yourself

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3: 5).

"By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2: 16).

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2: 10).

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14: 12).

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6).

THIRD—Jesus Has Already Provided for Your Salvation

Who (Jesus) his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2: 24).

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Pet. 3: 18).

"Him (Jesus) who knew no sin he (God) made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5 :21, R. V.).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16).

FOURTH—Jesus Will Enable You to Overcome Temptation

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Pet. 2: 9).

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape" (I Cor. 10: 13).

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8: 36).

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5: 17).

YOUR PART

Believe

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16: 31).

Repent (Turn from your sins)

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3).

Confess Your Sin to Jesus

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2: 5).

Confess Jesus Before Men

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10: 9, 10, R. V.).

DO IT NOW

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27: 1).

"Behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6: 2).

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2: 3).

REMEMBER

"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14: 12).

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9: 27), but "he that believeth on him (God) shall not come into judgment" (John 5 :24).

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24: 15).

—Gospel Tract
The Moody Bible Institute

PROGRAM

The Second Union of the Western Association will convene with People's Chapel F. W. B. Church in Wilson County, October 30, 1943, Eastern Standard Time.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by congregation
—Devotions by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Appointment of Committee
—Welcome by J. Frank Parrish
—Response by Nade E. Strickland
—Reading and approving minutes of last Union
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by J. C. Varnell
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by J. W. Jernigan
—Business period
—Roll call of churches
—Report of committees
—Report of Treasurer
—Election of officers for the coming year
—Petitions for next Union
—Song by congregation
—Adjournment

Mrs. Nade E. Strickland,
Committee

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This is the program of the North Carolina Central Conference which is to be held at Mount Olive Church in Washington County on November 10, 11, 12, 1943.

Wednesday Morning

10:30—Devotions led by T. F. Davenport
—Enrollment of ministers and delegates
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Moye
12:30—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. C. H. Hamilton
—Moderator's remarks
—Business period
—Enrollment of ministers and delegates
—Appointment of committees
—Reports of delegates from the various conferences and associations
3:30—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions led by Rev. W. E. Richardson
—Reading of minutes of the previous day
—Business period
—Report of the Executive Committee
—Report of Educational work by Rev. L. R. Ennis
11:30—Special music to be arranged
—Sermon by Rev. R. P. Harris
12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. R. C. Alexander
—Business period
—Report of the Orphanage work by Rev. James A. Evans
—Report on state work by Rev. J. C. Griffin
—Report on the Press by Rev. R. B. Spencer
3:30—Adjournment

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotions led by Rev. F. C. Wiggs
—Business period
—Report of the various committees
11:00—Mission address by Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:20—Special music
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
12:30—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Song services led by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Report of Auxiliary work of the Central Conference by the president
—Report of League work by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Report of the Sunday School work by Raymond Hart
—Petitions for the sitting of the next conference
—Appointment of delegates to the various conferences and associations
—Report of Finance Committee
3:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

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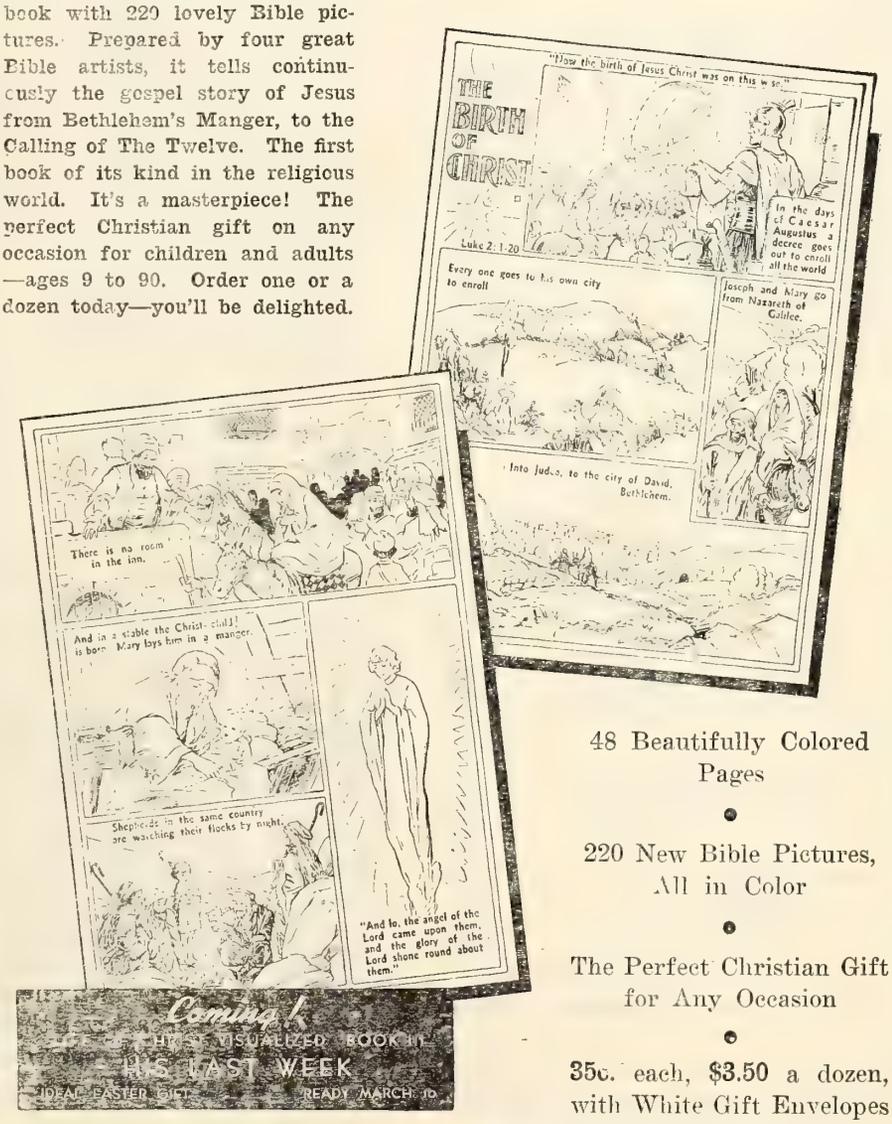

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REPORT OF ANNIVERSARY GIFTS TO BIBLE COLLEGE

By J. R. Davidson,
Business Manager

According to promise, I am coming to our people with an itemized report of the "'Anniversary gifts" sent in to the Free Will Baptist College.

Cash Gifts by Organizations:

St. Mary's Church, New Bern, N. C.	$ 25.60
Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga.	15.00
Third Church of St. Louis, Mo.	25.00
Ashland City Church, Tennessee	7.00
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	13.00
Monett Church, Missouri	30.00
State League Convention of Missouri	12.00
Third Union of the Eastern Conference of N. C.	106.54
Total cash by organizations	$234.14

Cash Gifts by Individuals:

Mrs. Allie Fambrough, Bethel Church, Neptune, Tenn.	$ 25.00
Grady C. Johnson, Pine Level Church, Alma, Ga.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge Church, Texas	5.00
W. M. May, Little Creek Church, Maury, N. C.	5.00
E. K. Brown, First Church, Columbus, Mississippi	5.00
Durward Davidson, Edge Church, Texas	2.00
Douglas Davidson, Edge Church, Texas	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rescue Church, Illinois	2.00
Total cash by individuals	$ 56.00
Grand Total ready cash	$290.14

Given through Endowment Plan:

Organizations—

Go Tell Auxiliary of Monett Church, Missouri	$ 12.00

Individuals—

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Third Church, St. Louis, Mo.	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Short, Address not known	12.00
Mrs. Charles Moehlman, Bryan Church, Texas	30.00
Mrs. Durwood Thompson, Bryan Church, Texas	12.00
Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Flat River, Mo.	30.00
Rev. Archie Cooper, Novinger, Missouri	12.00
A. W. Hartley, Greenfield, Missouri	12.00
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Free Will Baptist Bible College	60.00
Rev. Frank Linton, State of Missouri	12.00
Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Horner, Buffalo Springs, Mo.	12.00
J. O. Filkins, Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville, Missouri	60.00
Total given in Endowment Plan	$294.00
Grand Total Anniversary Offerings	$584.14

I feel that $584.14 is a right nice expression of thanksgiving for our First Anniversary. However, we readily recognize the fact that had all who were given the privilege to express their thanks for the occasion had done as much as these few the figures would have run into thousands instead of hundreds. We would not like for any one to get the idea that we are complaining about this response, for the Lord has blessed this institution even beyond the Bible measure, for which we are very grateful. Yea, we thank the Lord and our brethren who have proven to be good co-laborers.

Possibly the $106.54 should not have been considered as an Anniversary Offering. However, one of the students, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, brought it in just at the right time to get in on this. We wished to give some special mention of this which was done by this Union on the appeal of one of the students, hence we thought it would be nice to get it in this classification.

Many thanks to all the good friends for all that you have done, what you are doing, and what you plan to do in the future. Should any one discover an error in this report I shall be very happy to correct it. Should there be gifts which have been sent in as Anniversary Gifts, and which do not appear in this report, I shall be happy to publish necessary corrections. May the richest of God's blessings rest on every one who makes any type of contribution to this great cause.

We are happy to report the fact that the school is progressing nicely with almost a capacity enrollment. Keep the school on your prayer lists.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of September, 1943

Missouri	$ 571.56
North Carolina	293.95
Michigan	121.43
Texas	71.26
South Carolina	52.00
Illinois	21.90
California	10.50
Tennessee	9.00
Georgia	8.40
Ohio	5.00
New Mexico	5.00
West Virginia	3.20
National Treasurer F. S. Vanhoose	211.06
National Women's Auxiliary	99.44
Sale of Missionary pictures	2.00
Total	$1,485.70

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MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

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NOTICE TO THE SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE AUXILIARIES OF N. C.

For several years now it has been the policy of our women in North Carolina to do something for our Superannuated ministers in the month of December. This year what we do will be in the way of special gifts, to be sent directly to those ministers who have, either served your church in former years as pastor, or those whom your organization may decide to remember.

I am suggesting that you take up this matter at the first meeting in November, and make some definite plans for Christmas remembrances to our Aged—infirm and retired ministers. This will give you one month to get prepared to do whatever you may propose to do. In your first meeting in December you can have a report and decide definitely what you are to do for each minister on your list.

I am suggesting that you arrange to send to those on your list, donated commodities, such as food and clothing, money, other suitable gifts, and particular items of which they will have a definite need. Also have the members to write them cards and letters. What greater joy could that old former pastor of yours have than for 40 or 50 people to write just a post card, if not a letter, and tell him you are thinking of him, and want him to know he is not forgotten.

I also want to call your attention to the fact that definite records are now being kept in the office of our State Board of Superannuation. The women will have a definite file in that office, and all our activities will be recorded and placed in the files. Therefore, you can readily understand the importance of proper reports being made to me by each of our North Carolina women's organizations. Blanks for your reports will be mailed to you in a few days. The North Carolina State Association, through its State Board of Superannuation, has spoken, and these reports from every Auxiliary society in the state will have to be made, and no excuse will be accepted for not doing so.

Mrs. Thos. E. Beaman,
Sixth Vice-President of
Women's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Another year with prospects of vast opportunities stretches ahead of Free Will Baptist women. It is our privilege to grasp those opportunities as they offer themselves and accomplish much good for the Master and His Church, this Convention year.

There is one vital thing I want to emphasize in this message to our women. That is, that our **Business** is SOUL WINNING. There will be, as always, deeds of kindness to perform, "cups of cold water" to give in the name of the Lord, but towering over all must be the passion to win lost souls to Him who gave His life to save. I would urge that prayer meetings be held; revivals be sponsored; house to house visits be made, and a prayer list be written by every Auxiliary woman, in a note book. Make SOUL WINNING your aim, so definitely, and so determinedly, that you will DO SOMETHING about it. Make it your **Work** to see that some soul finds Jesus as Saviour. Impress it so upon your heart (or better, let the Holy Spirit impress you) that you will:

1. Pray about the salvation of souls.
2. Fast that souls might be saved.
3. GO OUT and WIN SOME SOUL to Christ.

And then, may I urge, that we head the reports that are given monthly, and the reports to the District and State Conventions, with the number of SOULS SAVED. God may have some special, specific, person He wants to send to the heathen across the sea, but He has given to us the wonderful privilege of winning the one who lives NEXT DOOR, or DOWN IN THE NEXT BLOCK. We must not forget the heathen but neither must we neglect the lost soul at our door.

Elsie M. Curtis

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AID REPORT OF SNEAD'S FERRY

Our Aid society met on October 2 at the church, and there were five members present and two visitors. The meeting was opened with song, "When We All Get to Heaven," and prayer was offered by Rev. L. J. Potter. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Seventy cents dues was paid into the treasury, and twenty cents as a donation was given. One hundred chapters were read in the Bible. Twenty-five sick visits were made to the sick. One wreath was given for a funeral design.

We have $94.63 in the treasury. There being no further business to be transacted, we closed the meeting by singing song, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," and prayer was offered by Sister Susie Rhodes. We have only seven members but all are interested, and we have done much work toward building and painting our church. Our Aid meets each Saturday before the first Sunday at 5:00 p. m. for the transaction of the business.

Mrs. Susie Rhodes

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

St. Claire Bible Class

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Zaleski, Ohio

THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

(Lesson for November 7)

Lesson: Exo. 20: 13; Mat. 5: 21-26, 38-45.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" (I Jn. 3: 15).

In this particular portion of the Sermon on the Mount which is set apart for our lesson (Mat. 5: 21-26, 38-45), our Lord is undertaking a **revision** of the old Law. Under the old Jewish Law only sins of **acts** were taken into consideration. Thus righteousness became conformity to an **external** law (Phil. 3: 6), a hard rule which had to be obeyed. The Pharisees simply sought to do something that was commanded just because it **was** commanded. The thought, the motive behind their obedience counted as **naught** to them. Thus in their praying, their charity, they lived for self-glory (Mat. 6: 1-7) and in thought and in spirit they often broke the commandments. In their heards they bore the spirit of hate and murder toward Christ (Lu. 6: 11), but they would have been angry if charged with breaking the sixth commandment. Thus Christ said to His hearers on the mount, "Except your righteousness shall **exceed** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mat. 5: 20). The scribes interpreted the Law as moved by their proud, selfish hearts, which made them **blind** to its deeper spiritual meaning. Our Saviour interpreted it as God **meant** it to be interpreted. He treated malicious anger in the heart just as men under the old Law dealt with a case of ordinary homicide. It was a sin of the same gravity and should be dealt with by the local court (vs. 21; Deu. 16: 18). When this malice of heart expresses itself in words of dislike and contempt, it is to be regarded by His disciples and His hearers as of the same moral guilt as more flagrant kinds of sin, and should be dealt with by the council, the Sanhedrin (Mat. 5: 22; Acts 5: 34). But a stronger expression combining insult with contempt and anger is a sin which may bring a man into eternal punishment (Mat. 5: 22).

II. Home Work

1. Who is the Source and Author of all life, human life included? (John 1: 4; 10: 10; 11: 25).

2. What is the Scriptural reason for the death penalty for the sin of murder? (Gen. 9: 6).

3. What is necessary before the remission of sin is possible from the Divine standpoint? (Heb. 9: 22).

4. To whom should it be left to determine the length of our life on earth? (Is. 38: 12; Lu. 2: 29).

5. What has God said about the certainty of the punishment of all sin? (Eze. 18: 4, 20; Eccl. 12: 14).

6. Who alone has the right of vengeance? (Deu. 32: 35; Ps. 94: 1; Rom. 12: 19; Heb. 10: 30).

7. How long will the punishment of sin last? (Mat. 5: 26; 25: 46; II Thes. 1: 9).

8. How important is it to become reconciled to a brother whom we have wronged in God's sight? (Mat. 5: 23, 24).

9. How will deeds of kindness seem to an enemy, if we perform them upon him? (Rom. 12: 20).

10. What important moral quality will insure the fulfillment of all of God's commandments in our lives? (Rom. 12: 8; 13: 10).

11. Had the Lord a right to destroy the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? (Genesis 49: 1-26).

12. Did King Saul do wrong in destroying the Amalekites at the command of the Lord? (I Samuel 15: 1-33).

13. Study carefully the comment on Matthew 5: 21-26 in our **Senior** Quarterly.

14. In our **Advanced Quarterly,** give careful attention to the comment on Exodus 20: 13 and Matthew 5: 38-45.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

In the meantime let us draw comfort from thousands of missionary facts. Samples of these are the changed conditions of widows who are no longer burned on their husbands' funeral pyre; of children who are no longer thrown into the Ganges as an act of worship; of baby girls who are rescued from the dogs. The sacredness of human life is illustrated in the following incident related in the **China's Millions:** "She was born in the city, not so far from the mission station. A member of her family tried first to choke her, then threw here in the garbage pail, but she struggled until her little head was free. Somebody said that she had an evil spirit and that she could not be drowned. They therefore threw her out with the garbage, to be eaten by the dogs. When the dogs attacked her, she quickened and began to move, and the dogs drew back after having bitten one of her shoulders and one of her hips. She was then buried alive, but God had His servant standing by, a little girl, daughter of one of the Christians at the mission station. She ran home as fast as she could and told her mother what she had seen. When the little rescue party—mother and daughter—came to the scene, the baby was almost covered with sand and forsaken by her own. She was brought to the Orphanage, and the missionaries, like the Good Samaritan of old, bound up her wounds, and took care of her. She grew up and became strong and healthy. After finishing grade school, she helped with the work in the dispensary for a time. The missionaries found out that she loved that kind of work, and it was decided that she be sent to high school. She made good progress in her studies, and a few years

ago she was graduated from an American University in China. She is now a fine Christian medical doctor."

"One day an evangelist was preaching in a street meeting. He told the people how wrong it was to do away with baby girls. A man in the crowd interrupted him by saying, 'A baby girl like the one you speak about is lying on the scrap pile over there.' The evangelist went over to the scrap pile, and there was a tiny, newborn girl crying for help. She was rescued and taken to the mission station in the city, and later to the Orphanage. She is now a brilliant and beautiful Christian girl, has had several years of training in Bible School, and is a very fluent speaker and capable co-worker to the missionaries in Saratsi."

A BRIEF SKETCH OF EDGEWOOD CHURCH

I should like to let the readers of the Baptist paper know the age of Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church in Edgecombe County. It was organized on October 16, 1921, with 21 members by Elder Abrams and Elder Hart. Elder Abrams was made pastor and J. F. Abrams was made clerk of the church. He was also made treasurer of it. L. B. Briley and L. K. Dilday were made deacons of the church, with 21 members from 1921 to 1925.

E. L. Abrams pastored the church to 1925, and then Elder J. H. Little was pastor from 1926 to 1928. From 1929 to 1932 T. W. Pollard pastored it. From 1932 to 1933, D. W. Alexander was our pastor. From 1933 to 1943 L .B. Manning has been our pastor. All of these preachers we learned to love, and hated to see them leave us, and go to other places.

I have thought for sometime that I would ask for a place in our paper for this record, and now at the present time I am living in Virginia, but my membership is still at Edgewood Church. It is a place which I never will forget. That was the place where I gave my heart to God, to do that which He would have me to do. From that time until now, I have tried to serve Him, and to do His holy will. Although I am not perfect, but I do hope that when I have served out my days here upon earth, He can say to me, "Come up higher and enjoy the presence of the Lord." I want him to give me that home in the heavenly realm, prepared for them that love Him.

J. F. Abrams,
1052 Center Avenue,
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Norfolk, Virginia

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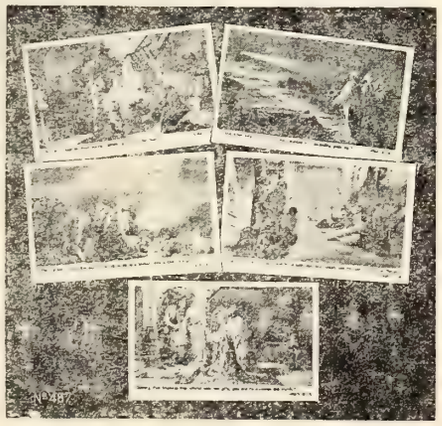

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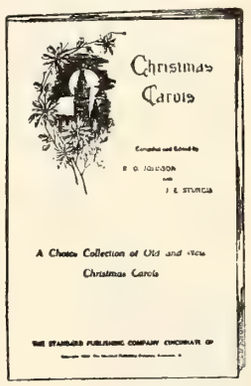

Pastor's Christmas Greeting Card No. 489

The full message is quoted:

Yuletide Greetings
From Your Minister.

This is the time of year when the abounding joy of the present is softened by memories of the past and heightened by foregleams of the future.

My sincerest wish is that the Giver of every good gift may give you such opportunities for service as shall enrich your life "more and more until the perfect day."

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Boys and Girls Corner

THREE HEROES

The city of Babylon, when Nebuchadnezzar was its king, was renowned for its size, its beauty and its learning. The river Euphrates flowed through the city, and by its side, in a wonderful park, stood the king's palace.

Here lived Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego, the four Jewish princes who had come to Babylon as captives, but were now the king's favorites. At Daniel's request, Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego had been made the rulers of all the central part of the country round about Babylon.

On a great plain near the city of Nebuchadnezzar erected a great image, covered with gold, and seventy-five feet high, and ordered all his people to worship it.

He sent out a royal proclamation. "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations and languages, that at the time when ye hear the sound of the cornets, flutes, harps and all manner of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up. And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth shall at once be cast into the midst of a fiery furnace."

All the rulers from all the provinces came to Babylon. The signal was given and the great host fell to their knees before the image. Suddenly the king's servants, looking on, saw to their amazement and secret joy that three men were standing straight up, paying no reverence to the image. The three Jewish princes who loved God had refused to bow to an idol.

The other rulers, jealous that Jewish boys should have command over the central provinces and rank above them, were glad to have a chance to get Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego in trouble. The captains hurried to the king to tell him about it.

In rage and fury Nebuchadnezzar ordered that the young men be brought before him. He personally commanded them to worship the image on pain of death.

"We will not worship the golden image," the young men said firmly.

"Die then, fools!" cried Nebuchadnezzar. "Heat the furnace seven times its usual heat," he commanded his servants. Then soldiers seized the young men, bound them with ropes and hurled them into the fire.

Nebuchadnezzar, watching the execution, suddenly leaped from his chair. "Did we not cast three men bound with ropes into the fire? Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the flames, and they are unhurt. The fourth looks very like an angel."

As soon as the heat began to die down so that he could come near the fire the king went to the mouth of the furnace and cried out: "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth and come hither."

Obediently the three boys came out of the flames and drew near the king, while the angel vanished. The rulers and captains pressed around them in amazement and fear. God had kept his three servants safe from the fire. Not even was their hair singed, and there was no smell of smoke about them.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego," cried Nebuchadnezzar, "who has sent his angel and delivered his servants that trusted him."

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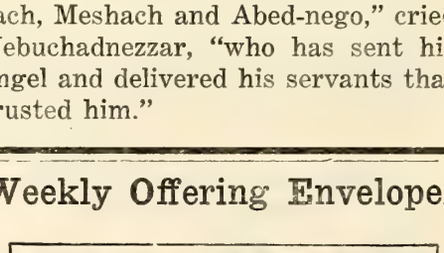

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JACOBS. On the afternoon of July 19, 1943, the spirit of our Brother in Christ, Willie H. Jacobs, quietly slipped from our midst.

He was not sick at all, but went to sleep to awake in the blessed resurrection. He was born in Gallia County, Ohio, July 21, 1871, and died July 19, 1943—age 71 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

He was married to Zella May Boice December 13, 1890. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary three years ago. To this union was born one daughter, Fredah, the wife of Charles Thomas who preceded him in death. He was converted in early life and united with First Kyger Free Will Baptist Church September 21, 1902, and lived faithfully to his Lord and church of which he served as Deacon for a number of years, until his death.

His funeral was held at the church of which he was a member by the Pastor Eld. Melvin Dunn in charge, and the following ministers: Eld. W. B. May, Eld. John Kemper, Eld. W. J. Shepherd, Eld. F. S. Vanhose.

He was laid to rest in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Cheshire, Ohio, close to his home.

Rev. Melvin Dunn

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased an all wise providence to call to his reward, Willie H. Jacobs.

We, the members of Ministers and Layman's Conference and Ohio River Yearly Meeting, realizing our loss, submit the following Resolutions:

FIRST. That though we are saddened by his passing, we bow in humble submission to His Holy Will in calling the spirit of our Brother and Deacon to be forever with Him.

SECOND. That we extend to his wife and loved ones our deepest sympathy and love during the hour of their bereavement and also to assure them of God's consolation by placing their trust in Him.

THIRD. That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his wife, a copy to be placed

on the minutes, and a copy be sent to our paper for publication.

Rev. Gus Graham,
Rev. Osbourne Farley,
Rev. Melvin Dunn,
Committee for Minister and Layman's Conference.

Rev. W. B. May,
Rev. Noel Herman,
Rev. B. L. Darst,
Committee for Ohio River Yearly Meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved member, friend and co-worker, Brother Jerome T. Linton, we the church and Sunday School of Sidney, Beaufort County, do hereby resolve:

FIRST, That we bow in humble submission to the most holy will of our Father who doeth all things well;

SECOND, That in losing Brother Linton our Sunday School and church has sustained a great loss, as the Adult teacher, deacon and church treasurer;

THIRD, That there will always be a vacant seat in our church and Sunday School that no other person can fill. His saintly look, Christ-like spirit, and pleasant smile will ever linger in our minds, and inspire us to live a life more like the Master;

FOURTH, That our sympathy and prayers go out to his bereaved family. May they take their burdens to the Lord, in whom he had supreme faith, and find comfort; and

FIFTH, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Paptist paper for publication, a copy to the members of the family, and a copy be reserved in the minutes of our church ledger.

T. W. Edwards, *Sup. of S. S.*
Rev. Herman Wooten, *Pastor*

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THOMPSON. Lou Eloise Thompson, aged 4½ years old, died September 15, 1943. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Thompson of Four Oaks, North Carolina, Route 2.

She was a beautiful child whom we loved so well. She was sent to us, and was born in this sinful world, which is an unprepared place for such a dear little one. God send his angel, therefore, to take her away unto Himself.

She left this world for a better home above to be an angel around God's great White Throne. She left this world with a smile upon her face. Now, let there be no tears of sorrow, when our work here is done. May we all gather at Jesus' feet in the great day.

Written by her Aunt, Edith Thompson,
Clayton, North Carolina, Route 1

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VAIL. Mrs. Clarkie Vail, wife of Mr. T. L. Vail, departed this life on Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ivey Crawford, near Pikeville, North Carolina. She died with an heart attack. She was greatly loved not only by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but also by everyone who knew her. She was always ready and willing to render a helping hand in sickness or to anyone in trouble.

Many a person has entered her home depressed and discouraged, and would go away feeling encouraged and strengthened through her love and help. Sister Vail was a life long member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and her seat was never vacant when she was able to attend. She loved her church and loved to worship in it, but she loved her Saviour more.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard so hard to speak the word,
But we must forever part.

The golden gates were open wide,
A gentle voice said, "Come,"
An angel from the other side
Welcomed our loved one Home.

The funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at Pleasant Grove Church by Rev. Clifton Rice, the pastor, assisted by J. R. Patrick pastor of the Methodist Church in Pikeville, and Rev. A. J. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church of Goldsboro. The interment was in the family cemetery.

The surviving are: four daughters, Mrs. L. B. Smith, Mrs. C. S. Hinnant, Mrs. I. J. Crawford, Mrs. W. F. Smith, three sons, E P., A. J., and L. H. Vail, 28 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, Mrs. Hattie Worrell and Mrs. Robert Davis.

By Mrs. J. S. Collier

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with British Chapel, Lenoir County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1943.

The union opened by a song and prayer service led by Rev. Duffy Toler, after which the Moderator welcomed all the visitors.

After the union was organized Rev. L. H. Wetherington led in prayer.

After the calling of the list of churches Rev. Duffy Toler brought the 11:30 o'clock message, after which dinner was served.

The afternoon session was opened by a song and prayer service, led by Rev. Clinton Lupton.

The Clerk was instructed to carry out the motion made several years back. Motion was that any minister belonging to the Fifth Eastern Union meeting district of the Eastern Conference, who is absent for two meetings of the union in succession, or send a reason why they are absent, their names are not to be called in the list of ministers of this union.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

On hand last union	$15.96
Received this union	72.43
Total received	$88.39

Disbursements

Orphanage	$58.39
Church Finance Association, Incorporated	25.00
Clerk	5.00
Total paid out	$88.39

The Union adjourned with a prayer to meet with Moseley's Creek Church, Craven County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October.

Rev. Clifton Rice, Mod.,
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Unfailing Love

By Barbara Cornet Ryberg

He took away the love of those
  Whom I had loved so well,
And what it cost my grieving soul
  No word nor pen could tell.
But as I leaned against His heart,
  Wounded and crushed and sore,
I deeply drank of truer love
  Than I had known before;
A love that knows no selfish aim,
  That trials cannot kill,
That chides me for my faults, ah, yes,
  But keeps on loving still.

Dear Lord, in Thine omnipotence
  Thou surely couldst recall
My many sins of yesterday,
  Remind me of them all,
But love like Thine delights to cast
  Them in the deepest sea
And will remember them no more
  Through all eternity.
Earth holds so many hungry hearts,
  To men be this the sign
That we are Thy disciples, Lord,
  Give us a love like Thine.

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A GUIDE TO PEACE

(Sunset at Galilee)

When the silver dusk falls down,
The soft evening winds make tiny pearl crests
On the sea's lovely rose-golden gown.

It seems as if the Christ
While walking on her shores,
Bestowed his deepest peace benediction
Upon her forever more.

Gliding across her waters,
A vessel is sailing for land,
But the wheel is guided by an unwise captain;
Guided by a foolish hand.

"Cargoes have I," says the captain,
"Which will bring me money galore,
I shall sell them, make merry and feast,
And then I shall gain some more."

"Thou fool of fools,"
Saith God in a thunderous tone,
"This night shall thy goods be required of thee,
And everything that you own."

The peaceful sea became a lion;
The winds roared a battle cry;
Madly the waves dashed against the ship—
While thunder and lightning belched from the sky.

"God save my degraded soul,"
The once foolish captain cries,
"If there be a God in the heavens above,
Save me, lest I die."

Ah, how merciful and loving is he, our God,
He loved this erring man.
Looking down from his throne in the sky,
He forgave him and guided him safely to land.

The captain having lost his cargoes of wealth,
Landed in Galilee.
A storm-tossed creature, but at peace—at last,
Happy, contented—Free!

—Anon.
—In General Baptist Messenger

TO THE BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Rev. S. T. Shutes,
Colquitt, Ga.

While in our services on Saturday at Traveler's Rest Church, we will remember you in our worship, and hold you up before Him who is able to be with you as you go into the danger zone of the great conflict. You are to keep your faith anchored in Christ Jesus, and trust in His power to save you in the hour of trouble.

Remember, the Bible says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness, also my strength is sufficient." What more could we ask? We are trying to carry on while you are away so you will not be disappointed in us when you return home.

We are trusting in the Higher power to give you strength and wisdom to endure the hardships and to out smart the foe whom you are confronting. We will try to have a word for you next month.

EDITORIAL

Several of the churches in eastern North Carolina, from all reports, have adopted a new rule concerning the new converts who take membership with them. They have adopted the plan of giving each new member a copy of the church Treatise or discipline for them to study and to keep as their own propery. St. Mary's Church in New Bern has done this. These churches pay for the Treatises out of the church funds so that no one need to be without a copy of the Treatise because of not being able to purchase it themselves.

We believe this is a fine idea, for it certainly does assure the new members that the church does want them to have a copy of the church discipline, and to read it so as to become well informed concerning its doctrinal principles, and the practices of the Free Will Baptist church. Let us hope that other churches throughout the entire United States will see the need of their new members having copies of the church Treatise, and adopt some plan by which each new member will be assured of having for himself or for herself a copy of the Treatise for study and appreciation of the knowledge of knowing what the Free Will Baptist church stands for as a denomination.

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The evangelistic meetings this past summer and during this fall among a great many churches have shown a great success in winning souls for the Master. Many reports have come to us, showing that there has been a steady increase of saved souls in a great many of these meetings. While not such a great number has come in through the evangelistic preaching in any one church, yet there have been goodly numbers who have joined the different churches through these summer and fall meetings.

This is a fine showing and we are glad to see both the young and the old turning unto the Lord before too late. Let us hope many more will turn to Christ during the meetings which will be held in other churches before the year shall close. Certainly there is great need for many lost souls in this country to turn to Christ and be saved before they shall pass from this life into the great beyond.

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Elder E. T. Phillips is thankful that his condition is as well with him as it is at the present time. Though very feeble now, he is still concerned about the progress of the church, and the salvation of lost souls. He has clear ideas of what it means to be a child of God, and for one to be able to trust Him day by day.

He and Mrs. Phillips are greatly appreciative of the visits which their friends make from time to time. But they feel that sometimes some have almost forgotten them, and do not drop around very often to see them. They, therefore, are asking their friends to not forget them, but to take time to drop in for a few minutes and chat with them. The Elder is always glad to see his old friends drop in to see him for a few minutes.

We are writing this little editorial note for them, and wish to say that you are certainly welcome to drop in at any time to visit them for a few minutes. It cheers them up and they are made to feel better for your having called by to see them.

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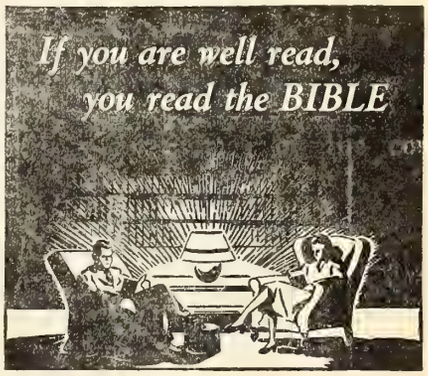
DO NOT FORGET, PLEASE! We are needing quite a number more subscriptions before we shall be perfectly assured of the goal of one thousand by the first of the New Year. The count at the present time, from the first day of September to the last day of October, is around 800 subscriptions that have come in during this period of two months. Isn't that gratifying, indeed, to know this many new and renewal subscriptions have been entered upon our books since September the first?

But, listen a minute! While these have been coming in, there have been going off the books dozens and dozens each week due to the fact that some have allowed their subscriptions to get in arrears, and we had to take their names off the subscription roll. Yes, this is hard, when we have pled so hard for them to renew their subscriptions, and for us to keep sending the Baptist to them. It certainly does hurt our hearts to see this done, but there is nothing that we can do about it unless we simply keep them on the list, and to wait indefinitely for their money to come, and of course they cannot expect us to do this, nor do you either.

Now, let us ask that, everyone who has been soliciting subscriptions for us, please keep up the good work until Christmas. See what you can do between now and that date. Also we are requesting still others to get in the campaign and to do your best to get on the Honor Roll along with the others. We will appreciate every effort that you will put forth to help us to go well over the top in this subscription campaign. You can do much good in this way to get people interested in their denomination, and also in reading their church paper.

We will let you know in the next week or so just how many we are issuing each week now and how many we have had to drop from our list due to so many letting their subscriptions get behind and failed to catch up with their paper.



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Whom Are We Serving?

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together, and this was his command to them: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24: 15).

He gave them the privilege to choose for themselves, either our God, or some false god to serve. We are given the same privilege today which Joshua gave unto the children of Israel—to choose whom we will serve.

There are only two for us to choose from or between, the one is God, and the other is the Devil. If we choose God, there is a power that leads upward to heaven. This power is God himself as manifested by His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. When we choose God as the one whom we shall serve, He cleanses us from sin, and makes us a child of His—fit to spend eternity with Him in glory. He alone offers salvation, joy and peace here and in the world to come.

But, if we choose to serve Satan instead of God, he offers us only the things of this world without the least hope of eternal life, a life of utter destruction in the other world when we shall be called from this world. Then, whom are we serving, God or Satan? God has great power, but Satan is roving the country over, seeking whom he may devour. When we are weak sometimes and let Satan draw us out of God's will by his false promises. But we are to remember that we still have an Advocate with the Father, and that is Jesus Christ who will take us back unto Himself.

Satan offers us nothing of another life, when this life here is over, but God offers us all things good and holy, for He so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. If God loves us enough to give up His only begotten Son for us, surely we are willing to give up ungodly things in this life, and live for Him—." Choose Him as the One for us to serve."

God has said, "Come ye out from among them." When we choose God and serve Him, we are to be separated from the things pertaining to Satan and his evil works, for we cannot serve God and mammon. Christ said, "We cannot serve two masters, for we will either love the one or hate the other."

When we choose God to serve and follow him, and walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit there is no condemnation, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin. What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin, or choose to serve God that grace may abound? To whom are we yielding? "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are?" If we try to serve God in a halfway manner, we are then robbing Him. We are a so-called lukewarm Christian, and God has said, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." We have to serve God, therefore, wholeheartedly or not at all. If we know about God and do not know Him, we are lost.

Many say, "Yes, I am a Christian. I belong to the church. I believe I am saved." Listen, if we are saved, we do not have any doubts about it. We know whether we really know God or not, and that he has saved us through his grace from a life of sin. We then can have no doubts in our minds about it. But, if we have doubts in our minds, we should then choose to serve God and trust Him with all our hearts, and He will remove every doubt from us. Remember, the Apostle Peter turned from God, but at last he really trusted Him and became a great servant of the Lord. If we refuse to serve God now, and put it off, it may be too late. God's Word says, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat: the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3: 10).

We know not when the Lord shall return, and the only hope for a person's salvation is faith in Jesus Christ. As we live so shall we die, and as we die so shall we be judged. We are to choose God and live, or the Devil and perish. Remember, Satan offers nothing, but God offers everything here, and a life eternal in heaven above.

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

THEN—AND NOW

By W. E. Vollick

"His will be done!" So carelessly I spoke!
But all too soon I left the course He planned—
Refused, in selfish pride, to take His yoke
And helping hand.

"His will be done!" How confident my voice!
"His way! Henceforth my willful self is dead!"
And yet, in time of testing, see the choice—
My way, instead.
"His will be done!" The boast was loudly made
That men might know I claimed Him as my Guide.
And yet the words were false—how soon I strayed
From His side!

"Thy will be done!" in humble tone I say;
"My Lord, my God, this stubborn heart possess!"
And, lo! my Lord has entered in to stay,
To guide and bless.

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
Nor to defend His cause;
Maintain the honor of His Word,
The glory of His cross."

"TO BECOME AS A LITTLE CHILD"

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22: 17). Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mk. 10: 14b).

Christ took the little children into His arms and blessed them, and said that we must become as little children in order to be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. He taught us that all little children are fit subjects for the kingdom, until they grow up to a knowledge of good and evil, and then lust after the sinful things of the world. When they become to know good from evil, then they are to heed Christ's teachings concerning Salvation. They are to obey their parents in the truth, and live good lives. They must realize then, when they do wrong that they are to ask God to forgive them of their sins. They are to follow Christ instead of following the ways of the evil one.

God the Father draws them all as He plainly says that it is not his will that any should perish, but that all might come unto Him and have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws them, woos them, but some parents do not show any helping hand in training up their children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. But they should help them to come unto Jesus.

Too many parents are concerned with the things of this world more than they are about the way their children are walking. They should be careful to choose the way their children should go when they grow up so that they will not fall in the ways of the world. What a great influence it would be if they would manifest the Christian life before their children in the home? The children would not be so subject to leave home when they grow up to young life. It is not God's fault if the children go astray, and become unruly, but the parents are responsible in most cases. The Lord wants all young people to be saved from their sins, and to live good lives. The Bible says, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." You are to make the right choice in life, and not go wrong. If your parents do not persuade you to follow Christ, then you should seek to do the right things and to walk in the right way. Heaven is just as free for you as it is for older people. The Lord will draw you, for He is drawing you every day to do the right things. Will you do it?

If your parents are not Christians, and are on the road to hell, you are not to follow them by their wrong doing. Beg them to turn to Christ and to follow Him in that straight and narrow way. Christ has said, "Whosoever will, let him come." All are to come unto Christ and be saved.

Dear people, the reason I write these articles is the fact that I want the Spirit of God to draw you unto the Christ. I do it in the behalf of your souls. If you will train up the children to do right, the Lord said, it will not depart from it when he is old. Again He said, "How oft would I have gathered you together as a hen doth her brood, but ye would not." Christ wept over Jerusalem because the people would not receive him. Oh, how sad it is to see God's people rebel against Him, turning their backs upon Him. Many mock Him and believe Satan's lies, and are going on to be damned. O people, could you blame Him for destroying you from the face of the earth, when you are so vile and wicked? This is hoping that you will stop and look back, and see where you are drifting, before it shall be too late for you to repent.

B. E. Coxwell

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank the many friends in this way for the nice letters and cards, and the copies of the Free Will Baptist paper which have been sent to me during the past week. I want to thank also those who sent in my name to be placed on the mailing list for the Baptist paper.

God only knows how thankful I felt, and how much I got from reading the cards and letters. While I have not been as well off this week, as I usually am, I received so many that one day the nurse read them to me, and she received great joy in reading them for me.

I should like to write to each one who thought of me, but since I cannot I want them to know how I appreciate their thoughtfulness of me. I do enjoy hearing from your Christian people, and please write to me again.

I also want to thank the doctors and the nurses, and everyone who has been so nice and kind to me while I have been here at this Institution. May God grant unto each one His richest blessings.

Please, everyone remember me in your prayers, concerning my physical and spiritual condition, that I may soon be well again, and that I may continue to be faithful until the end. I do want to receive a home in heaven .

Mrs. Etta Rose,
State Hospital,
Raleigh, N. C.

REV. FRED RIVENBARK CALLED BY JACKSONVILLE, FLA., CHURCH

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, has received a call to the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., but his decision concerning the call has not been reached.

The local minister recently preached at the Florida church and the call to the pastorate followed soon thereafter. In confirming reports of the call, Rev. Mr. Rivenbark stated that he will announce his decision to his local congregation in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Rivenbark has been pastor of the Sherron Acres Church for six years and during his ministry steady growth and progress has been noted. The membership has grown from 23 members to a large congregation of 250 individuals. The church plant has been greatly enlarged, and since the present pastor began his work the parttime status of the pastor has been made fulltime. This year saw the purchase of the parsonage. The Sherron Acres Church is one of the fastest growing rural churches in Durham County.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

A Popular Enemy

It is conceded by the best of scientists that intoxicating beverages are an enemy to the physical and mental powers of man, when used as a beverage. It is conceded by all decent and fair-minded persons that alcoholic beverages are an enemy to the wife and children of the drunkard. The drunkard, or habitual drinker of intoxicants, is an enemy to the best interest of all common good. Such a person is not trustworthy in any responsible position. Liquor disqualifies a man for handling buses, automobiles, railway locomotives, and in fact all kinds of service. It damns the joy and peace of innocent, helpless mothers and their children; it fills prisons with criminals; it makes paupers and fills alms-houses; it fills premature graves with its victims; it damns souls in a demons hell; it excites the mind to the extent that man, conquered by its masterly hand, will rise up and murder his best friend, his wife, his children, his own mother that brought him to birth. In fact, liquor has mastered some of the greatest and most useful minds in all generations. It is a poisonous enemy to everything that is good.

Women and Liquor

As it used to be, and as written above, it used to be men who were guilty of drunkenness. But we are living in a new day. Things have changed. Thirty or forty years ago only women of the lower world—harlots, and their kind—engaged in liquor drinking. Of course they keep it up. But there are those who are called virtuous (it is a question as to how long a woman can stay virtuous and drink liquor) who are frequently found in a state of intoxication. You can see them at the liquor stores.

It seems to be the popular thing for young women to drink beer in cafes and other places where the rotten stuff is sold. The standard of womanhood has been lowered by these customs of today, until a great many men are losing their respect for the female sex. I remember well the time when ever a woman came on a train car, that a gentleman would get up and offer her his seat before seeing her stand. But not so now. The most of us keep our seat and let her stand. She brought it upon herself. She drinks; she smokes; she curses; she gambles; she tells smutty jokes; and all in the open like the worst of devils.

Eastern Carolina and Liquor

Eastern North Carolina has degraded itself through the use of liquor, until it is a shame to speak of what liquor is doing. People are drinking themselves to a DEMON'S HELL. The DEVIL and the "WET" politician has arranged what they call "ABC STORES." The DEVIL through his "WET" politicians claimed that "it would be better." Their argument "make it more plentiful and folk will drink less." And strutted their doctrine, "We will get the revenue." "We will lower our taxes by getting the revenue." But in fact taxes have been higher. They have not been lowered. Another of the DEVIL'S lies. The only persons benefitted by the ABC stores have been the liquor interests and their representatives. And their benefits will at last "bite like an adder and sting like a serpent."

Some Figures

It has been given to the press some astonishing figures of the amount spent for liquor in twenty-five counties down here in eastern North Carolina. "Receipts for the ABC stores of the twenty-five wet counties, in Eastern North Carolina for the month of March, 1943, were $1,682,430.00." This was for one month. Yes, we are fighting Hitler, our enemy, but liquor and those who make it possible for drunks, and to make more drunks, are worse enemies to the United States than Hitler. Hitler can only destroy the body of man, but liquor damns both the body and soul. Yet, the DEVIL keeps on telling us that "the liquor business pays."

Recent Resolutions

In many of the religious bodies resolutions are being passed against intoxicating beverages. But if church members would be CHRISTIANS there would be no use for resolutions against liquor. CHRISTIANS do not drink intoxicating beverages. CHRISTIANS do not get drunk. If CHRISTIANS would not vote for demagogues who thrive by the manufactures of intoxicating beverages we would have statesmen instead of politicians. Many vote for resolutions at the annual meeting, the association or conference, that would curb liquor in a great measure and get in the car of some "Wet" politician and go vote to put the "Wets" in office. No wonder that Christ said, "Woe unto you hypocrits." He certainly was not speaking only to those who were in and around Jerusalem. He was speaking of all hypocrits. Perhaps some one will say, "Preacher, you ought not to write such stuff." If people would not live such lives, I would not write such articles. If my writing "rubs your fur the wrong way, just turn around and the rubbing will go the right way." I am against LIQUOR because it is the enemy of all that is good.

THE WAY TO THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

By D. A. Windham

The North Carolina Central Conference meets with Mt. Olive Church in Washington County. Those traveling by automobiles, and going by Williamston, North Carolina, will take highway from Plymouth through Jamesville one mile, turn right at blue arrow marked "Mt. Olive," and follow arrows to the church.

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Those travelling on bus we are asking them to co-operate with us by changing from bus at Washington and Plymouth to the train by Norfolk Southern, and get off at Hinson, which is only about one half mile from the church. The train leaves Washington about 12 M., and from Plymouth about 1:45 P. M.

We are asking this because the bus stops are about nine miles from the church, and we have the same gas problems that you do. All trains will be met.

All turns will be indicated by blue arrows, pointing the way and will be adjacent to highway signs. For further information, write David Ange, Jamesville, N. C., or D. A. Windham, Greenville, N. C.

CHURCH DEDICATED

The dedication services and homecoming celebration of the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Little Creek, Virginia, took place on Sunday, October 17, 1943. It was well attended considering the war conditions.

The dedication services were held at the eleven o'clock hour, and the program was as follows:

10:00—The church school in session
11:00—Devotional services conducted by W. E. Richardson, pastor
—A trio rendered by W. E. Richardson, P. H. Kennedy and Jimmie Abrams
—The welcome address by Rev. W. E. Richardson
—Response by P. H. Kennedy
—Prayer by J. W. Barnes
11:30—Dedication message by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:00—Fellowship and lunch

Afternoon

1:00—Worship service
—Homecoming Day message by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Richardson
2:00—Program by "Sunbeams of the Church"
—Inspiring message by Rev. P. C. Wiggs

We were very glad to have had Brother and Sister Wiggs with us, and also Brother and Sister Summerlin who were with us for the dedication services and homecoming celebration. They were from the Edgewood Church of North Carolina. We want them to come again to be with us in our services.

A very enjoyable time in the Lord was witnessed by all who attended the services during the day. We can truthfully say with the Apostle John, "If ye abide in me, and my words in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (Jon. 15: 7).

Rev. and Mrs. Richardson wish to express their appreciation to the members of the F. W. B. Church of Little Creek, who so willingly helped, prayed and trusted in our heavenly Father for the success of the services. We also desire to thank the people of the community for their splendid co-operation to make this work possible for the glory of God. Moreover, we want to extend our sincere gratitude for the Christian fellowship which was rendered us by our dear Brother in Christ and former pastor, Rev. P. C. Wiggs.

We are asking the dear people of the denomination to please pray for us that we might go forward in the great work of the Lord.

Mrs. W. E. Richardson

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED

At dedication and home-coming day services in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Little Creek, the Rev. P. C. Wiggs, of Fountain, N. C., and the former pastor of the church, preached the dedication sermon with devotional and home-coming services conducted by the Rev. W. E. Richardson, pastor.

Mr. Wiggs used as his text "For the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4: 6). Lunch was served on the church grounds and afterwards Mr. Richardson spoke of the fellowship of the community and of his appreciation of their co-operation in making it possible for the work of their church to be carried on. In conclusion a program was presented by the children of the church.

This church is the only Free Will Baptist Church in the Tidewater area and serves all people of that denomination here. The Rev. Mr. Richardson began his ministry about 10 years ago and received evangelistic degrees from the Moody Bible Institute. He preached in churches in North Carolina, Princess Anne, Norfolk and Nansemond Counties, then he and Mrs. Richardson went to Little Creek to do missionary work, starting with prayer meetings. They organized a Sunday school which grew and developed into a small congregation. This congregation bought a lot on Little Creek road and enlisted the aid of the Little Creek church community; some donated money, some time, or helped in other ways.

After the erection of the church, the Rev. Mr. Wiggs, of the Central Conference of North Carolina, was called to conduct revival services and was asked to remain as pastor. After a year he was succeeded by Mr. Richardson, who was ordained by the Free Will Baptist Denomination and will begin his second year here in November.

—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch

A MORNING PRAYER

Oh, may I be strong and brave today,
And may I be kind and true,
And greet all men in a gracious way,
With frank good cheer in the things I say,
And love in the deeds I do.

May the simple heart of a child be mine,
And the grace of a rose in bloom;
Let me fill the day with a hope divine,
And turn my face to the sky's glad shine
With never a cloud of gloom.
With the golden levers of love and light
I would lift the world and when
Through a path with kindly deeds made bright
I come to the calm of the starlight night,
Let me rest in peace. Amen.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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ILLINOIS DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING

The Women's Auxiliary met for their semi-annual district meeting with the Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist Church October 22, 1943.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Sister Emma Moore, and hymns, "Jesus Paid it All," and, "How Firm a Foundation" were sung by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Sister Elsie Curtis, and the welcome address was by Mrs. Mildred Gibson.

We were very happy and indeed honored to have with us our National Auxiliary President, Sister Edwards, who gave us greetings at this time, also greetings from Sister Curtis.

Officers were seated and the report of the last meeting was read.

Sister Edwards gave us a nice report of the National Auxiliary meeting.

It makes our hearts rejoice to know our women are responding so readily to our foreign missionary needs. Our Auxiliaries have sent $45.00 for mattresses for our Bible School in Cuba.

Oral reports were given by the presidents of the following Auxiliaries: Rescue, Ina, Bear Point, Union, and Mt. Vernon, which were all very fine. Some reported 100% tithers in their Auxiliaries. Pleasant View have a very strong Auxiliary which is doing a nice work, but their women were unable to attend.

Motion was made and carried to have programs printed for next meeting which will convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1944, with the Ina Free Will Baptist Church.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour in the basement of the church.

We were very happy to have some of our ministers with us and wish more would attend.

An offering was taken for Sister Laura Barnard, which amounted to $64.12.

Let us pray for Sister Barnard that she may have a safe journey back to India. Let us all support her with our prayers and finance as we know it will be a very costly trip. Lord help us all to get a vision of those poor dying souls in India.

A very nice program on Stewardship was given by the women of Bear Point Church.

Sister Edwards then brought the message, using as her text, Heb. 13: 13.

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Sister Edwards is a very capable speaker and we pray that God may ever bless her in her work for Him.

May God bless our women's auxiliary, for we know they have strengthened our churches.

One auxiliary had got discouraged and was ready to quit, but when they heard the good reports and had seen how God was blessing, they took new courage and declared their intention to go on. Let us go on unto perfection.

Mrs. Emma Moore, Pres.
Mrs. C. J. Ketteman, Cor. Secy.

CHEERING WORDS

If any little word of mine
Can make some life the brighter,
If any little song of mine
May make some heart the lighter,
God help me speak that little word,
And take the song I'm singing
And bear it to some lonely dale
To set the echoes ringing:
Echoes that thrill in joyous tone,
To some one comfort bringing.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

Bearing the Cross for Christ, would be our text if we were going to preach a sermon. "And as they came out, they found a man of Cyre-ne, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his Cross" (St. Matthew 27: 32). You will also find this recorded in St. Mark 15: 21, and St. Luke 23: 26.

Wonder how many of us when we read the above scripture stop to consider the great strain Christ had been undergoing for the last 18 hours, with the burden of all the sin of the world resting heavily upon the Son of God. There is no wonder he fell under the tremendous weight of the Cross. Now let us consider, and also be very thankful of the fact, that we living in the U. S. A. are not forced to bear the cross for Christ as Simon was. But we should also be thankful that we have the privilege of bearing crosses for Christ most every day. Yet we must bear our crosses with a spirit of love, and not by a compulsory method as Simon did.

When the twelve apostles forsook their vocation in life, some as fishermen, some as tax collectors, to follow Christ, they were taking up their crosses, for fishing and collecting taxes were their means of a livelihood and a home. They knew Christ had no home for he had said, "The birds have nests, and the foxes have holes, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." Yet they were willing to forsake all and follow Him.

How sad it is when we see so many today that are not willing to forsake, or sacrifice just a small part of what God has blessed them with and take up their Cross and follow Jesus.

If we love the Lord and his service our crosses will not be grievous to bear for the Lord will temper the burden according to our love for Him.

If we will only do as Simon did, bear each cross as it comes to us some day we will be glad that we were counted worthy to bear crosses for Christ.

Imagine Simon's joy at being able to bear the Cross of his Saviour. No doubt he did not fully understand all about the Cross bearing he was conscripted to do until one day he heard Mark preaching to the people of Cyrene about the death and suffering of Christ on the Cross that Simon was compelled to bear to the place of Crucifixion.

Then Simon understood all about it, and no doubt his heart swelled with pride because he had borne the cross of his precious Saviour. Some day our hearts will be made glad if we bear crosses for our Saviour.—Amen.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE GIVES 190 TO SERVICE

Some Of Its Members Have Already Been Decorated For Valor

The Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, North Carolina, has a record of seventy years of service to the children of North Carolina. Over five thousand have been cared for and trained. Its graduates and former pupils are in all walks of life and there is no record of a former pupil having been convicted and sentenced for committing a major crime. It is the oldest Orphanage in the State and receives children other than those of membership of the supporting order.

At the present time less than fifty per cent of the population of the Orphanage is of Masonic parentage. The home possesses valuable buildings, grounds and equipment and has had no operating deficit for several years.

The annual budget of the Orphanage calls for an expenditure of $170,000.00. This provides shelter, clothing, and food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health program, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep to grounds, buildings and equipment, and experienced case work for a family of 313 children.

Superintendent C. K. Proctor announces that the sum of $10,000.00 is needed this year for operating expenses in order to balance the budget.

The Oxford Orphanage is more than a philanthropy—it is an investment in the lives of North Carolina boys and girls who would not otherwise have a chance. It pays to the State and its citizenship the high dividends in character and trained young people. It is an opportunity today for North Carolina citizens to express in a substantial way their desire to help others.

The orphanages of the State use the Thanksgiving season as an occasion to appeal to the citizens of the State for much needed assistance. The Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage announces that the home is open for visitors each day, and hundreds of North Carolina citizens visit this historic spot every year.
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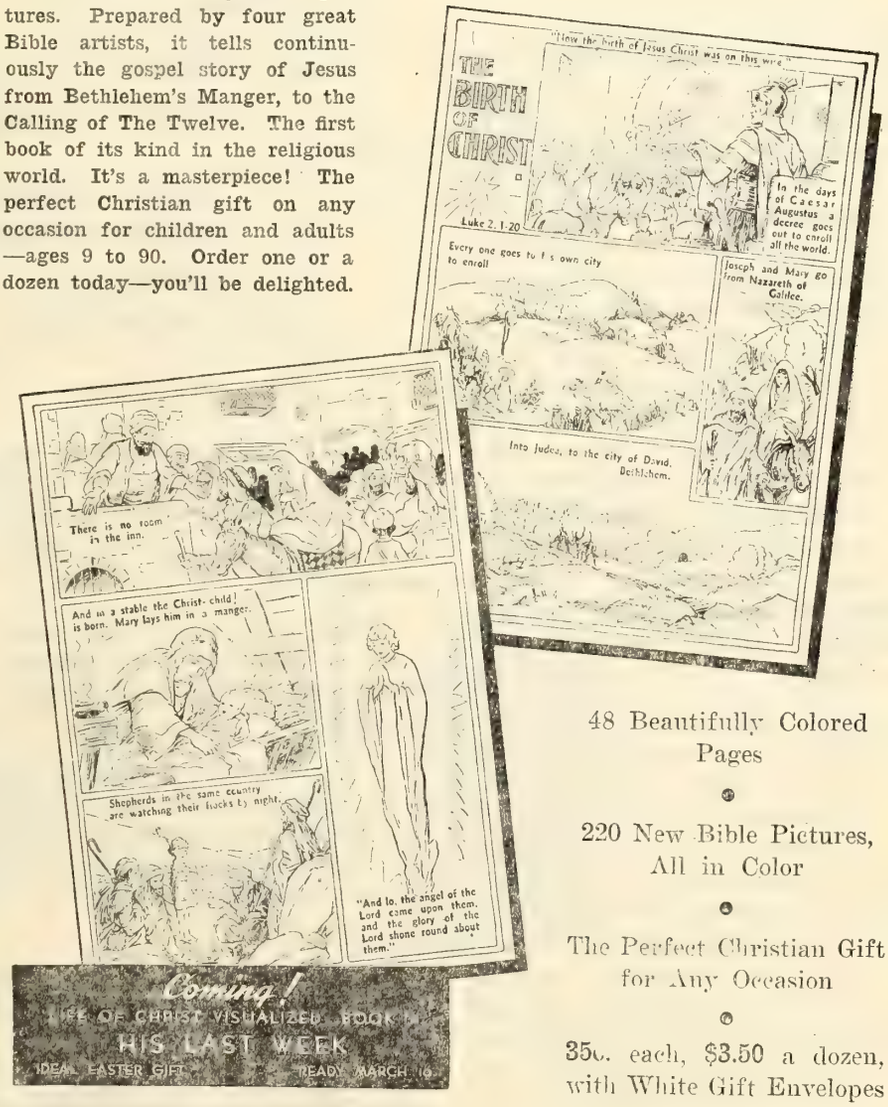

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THE SOUTH NORFOLK, VA., FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

It has happened, the thing that many of us have talked, hoped and prayed for. The establishment of a Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Norfolk, Va., is now a reality.

The strangest thing about it is how it happened, for the hundreds of years the Free Will Baptists have been strong in the adjoining state of North Carolina, and with all the mission money they have spent, not once has any one to my knowledge ever attempted to cross the State line, and bring the wonderful message of Christ, as taught and practiced by the Free Will Baptist church, to the people of Virginia. God saw to it that it was done, like delivering the children of Israel from under Egyptian bondage. He called a real leader and this was none other than Rev. H. Edgar Harden.

Well loved in another denomination, but was dissatisfied with so much division, pride, and formality, he cast his lot with the Free Will Baptist. In fact, I'm sure he has been preaching Free Will Baptist doctrine for a long time, for he preaches it with as much power and force as any of our older ministers.

Bro. Harden, after much hard work and prayer, started preaching on Sunday night, September 26th, in the W. O. W. Hall, which he had rented himself. Also he had paid for the advertisement of the meeting, such as painting signs, and a broadcast over the radio, etc. It was a forgone conclusion that the meeting would be a success from the very first night.

Bro. Hales of Elizabeth City came on Monday and remained through Friday of the first week and came back on Monday again and remained most of the week. He did some wonderful preaching and was a great help in the meeting and establishing the church. Bro. Hales officiated in the setting up of the church on Wednesday night, October 6th, with 28 charter members. The meeting continued through the remainder of the week with 10 others coming to accept Christ or take membership by letter or statement, making a total at the close of the meeting of 38 members. In almost every service since there have been new additions. The church has rented the same hall for services for the coming year, and has employed Bro. Harden for their pastor.

The church has started a building fund for the purpose of erecting a building of our own. We are hoping to start some work in Newport News also and Portsmouth, Virginia, and to eventually evangelize the entire Tidewater of Virginia, in the name of Christ and the Free Will Baptist Church.

Don't you want to have a part in this wonderful work? Any individual or organization, wishing to help in this work, may mail their check to our church treasurer,

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GOD IS YOUR GOD

Rev. Arthur Lynn

God is your God whether you admit it or not. You may say you do not believe there is a God, but that does not change the fact that God is your God.

When you sin you not only sin against God, but also against your fellowmen for "no man liveth unto himself."

If you are rich in earthly possessions, you are in dire poverty as long as you deny God and spurn His offer of Salvation through the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son.

If you are as "poor as a church mouse" and know Jesus Christ as your Redeemer and Friend, you are rich beyond human comprehension and (Bless His Name) your riches will continue with you through time and eternity.

God is your God, but if you do not take steps to make Him more than your God, you will finally arrive at the place where He will become your Judge and condemn you to the Christ rejectors' place of punishment.

You must make God your Father in order to escape punishment and gain eternal bliss. The only way you can do this is to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour. You can do so by believing on Him and accepting The Blood Atonement which is offered to you through His Grace.

> "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

> "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the Only Begotten Son of God." John 3: 16-18.

My friend, if you will accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, I assure you life will become new. Old things will pass away and all things become new to you.

The things you now love, which are degrading and destructive in their very essence, will pass away and in their place will come all that is uplifting and ennobling.

I speak from personal experience. The world gave me money, fame, and companionship, but none of these things could satisfy me or bring me peace and happiness.

At last I found "life and life more abundant" through and in Jesus Christ, and the God that was only my God is now my God and Father. In Him I live, move, and have my being.

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REVIVAL AT MT. MORIAH

Our revival meeting at Mt. Moriah hurch began on September 26, and ›ntinued through October 3. The everend Paul Jenkins from Kanna›lis, North Carolina, did the preachg. He brought some fine messages hich were greatly enjoyed by eryone.

Since Brother Jenkins had to leave ı Saturday night, Reverend Ray lmon from Kannapolis conducted ıe services on Sunday. We feel that uch good was accomplished during e meeting. Many of the church embers were revived, three people nfessed Christ as their personal ıviour.

We are glad to have had Brother nkins with us to hold the meeting. lso we were happy to have had his mily with us and others from his ıurch at Kannapolis, who were with on Saturday night. We elected ev. Ray Almon as our pastor for e coming year. Please pray for us at our church may go forward in e work of the Lord.

Myrtle Watts

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GOOD REVIVAL AT GRAY BRANCH CHURCH

Our Revival began on October 3, 1943, and continued through October 13. It was a very good meeting in every respect. Rev. D. W. Hansley did the preaching, and he brought some very fine messages each night.

The attendance was very good during the entire meeting. There were 12 who were baptized. We believe that Brother Hansley is a God-called preacher, and we wish for him the best of success in the gospel ministry.

We are asking the prayers of the Christian people that our church may continue to grow in the Spirit, and in the work for the upbuilding of God's kingdom here on earth.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Walter King,

Deep Run, N. C.

APPALLING STATISTICS

Many of the humane societies of this and other countries have to do with children as well as animals. Indeed, the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was founded by Henry Bergh, founder of the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the United States.

It is little less than startling to learn from unquestionable authority, received from Washington, of the alarming increase in crime and delinquency among certain boys and girls. During 1942, the arrests of minor girls for moral offenses increased 64.8% over 1941, and the arrests of girls under twenty-one for all kinds of moral offenses increased 104.7%. The arrests of minor girls during 1942, for all offenses, increased 55.7% over the previous year, while arrests of boys decreased 3.6%.

War means something more, we plainly see, than wounds and death on the field of battle—something more than sad and anxious hearts wondering what may be happening to those they love far overseas. It is meaning moral evil here at home in the character of those who should be the future wives and mothers of our land.

Where must the responsibility for this alarming social condition rest? Primarily upon the home. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The truth in these words of an ancient Hebrew is as old as the family itself, even if there have been and still are to be exceptions. Many a mother better be at home caring for her children than working in a mill or a factory, even when she thinks that patriotism is the motive that takes her from her home. The seeds our homes are sowing today will furnish the harvest our nation will reap tomorrow.

—Clipped

BLESS THEM

Who wants a house that's prim and neat?
Better the scuff marks of flying feet,
The finger smudges on the wall,
Wet rubbers tracking through the hall.

The crayons, cookie crumbs, and books
They crop up in the queerest nooks;
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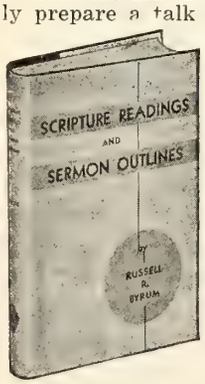

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THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME

(Lesson for November 14)

Lesson: Exodus 20: 14; Matthew 5: 27-30; Mark 10: 2-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Mat. 5: 8).

In the Old Testament Hebrew text there is a word that is used over fifty times in the inspired vocabulary, and that word is "barah." It is always translated by the verb "create," and its one meaning is to bring into being by Divine power something which had no previous existence. One of the most significant passages in the Psalms uses this word, when a penitent and remorseful sinner cries out to God: **"Create** in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"! This wording is exact, significant, precise, and literally true. David could properly say, **"Renew** a right spirit within me"—but when he prayed for a "clean heart" he had to say "Create," because he never had possessed one before! In spite of the rich blessing of God and the grandeur with which the King was surrounded, he could not keep his lustful eyes and his adulterous hands off his neighbor's wife, because his heart was not clean.

To **"see"** in this instance literally means "to comprehend." We use the same expression in our modern speech to-day. When we cannot understand a proposition we say, "I don't see it!" and when the issue is clarified we cry, "Oh, yes, I see it now!" In that same sense Jesus also used the figure. Do you have difficulty understanding God? Perhaps that is not to be wondered at—darkness must always find trouble in apprehending light! Uncleanness cannot grasp purity, and a man of an unclean heart can scarcely hope or expect to master the mystery of holiness. The adamant premise of Jesus' statement is that without a clean heart, you must ever be a stranger to God and His presence!

—Selected

II. Homespun Philosophy on a Good Home Life

I believe the Bible, the "good Book" is right. The Bible it teaches that one woman is the proper number for one man and that one man is the proper number for one woman. The reason why the front page of the papers is filled up with scandals and divorce and murder is because some man wants two women and some women want two men and this is not accordin' to the Bible. It is this hankerin' after more than one man and one woman that make the Judd-Gray and Winnie Ruth Judd, and a thousand other dirty spots in American life. I say it not accordin' to the Bible and then the trouble begins. The newspapers call it a "triangle." God meant one man and one woman to get together, but He don't approve of the third party a-comin' in and makin' one of these triangles. A triangle soon becomes a tangle and even the divorce courts can't untangle the triangle out of its tangle. When there is a triangle, men go to murderin' the "other man" to get him out of the way and the women murder the "other woman" to get her out of the way and they all get in the bad way. Those folks make the front page of the paper bloody and black! If they read the "Old Book" they'd know this aint God's way for society. All this so-called society needs anyhow, is just the Bible.

"First there is a triangle and then a tangle and then what I call a 'wreck-tangle.' They wreck everything. They tear down homes and children are made fatherless and motherless, and hell takes the place of happy homes!"

A man who won't be true to one woman, won't be true to another woman. Your old Uncle Josh. U. Way has noticed this all his life. I believe in takin' a woman till death do us part. The Bible aint a upholdin' all this divorce business. You can't find a Reno anywhere in the Bible. There's a Sodom there, but no Reno, though some of the folks are sayin' that Reno is a heap like Sodom. Some don't even call it divorce out there, they call it 'Reno-vation,' but its the same abominable thing before God." "I don't know very much but its been my experience that nobody ever lost happiness a-followin' the Bible. The Bible don't go in for tearin down a marriage altar. It don't teach wife swapin,' but to be 'faithful unto death.' "

Sometimes I don't always get along so well with Mrs. Josh. U. Way, but somehow I just can't get along without her. But it is more times my fault than it is hers and we are goin to keep walkin' and talkin' together to the end; she forgivin' my sins and me forgivin' hers, and when one of the other of us has to go, the other will be mighty sad and lonely. And—I reckon if she goes first it will nearly kill me and I'll go right into the room where her body is laid out and cold and put a kiss on her forehead and say: "Dear old companion of mine, we went through together to the end and you be waitin' for me on the other shore where there aint forever no more death or sorrow or partin'."

"No siree! I don't care for these 'triangle tangles' and all these domestic wreck-tangles and I'm goin' to keep off the front page of the newspapers and from the divorce court and keep the marriage license a framed up and hangin' just where it is, over the stand in the front room where the Bible is, and stay home nights with just one woman—Mrs. Josh. U. Way."

(Uncle Josh. U. Way's real name was Dr. Leon Tucker, noted Bible scholar, author, and editor. Written back in 1932, this message is still timely. **Also our Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies have much-needed helps on this very important lesson.)

That thing of horror men call war should kindle the passion of peace within their souls.

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IF WE COULD SEE

If we could see the joy of all the ransomed,
As in white robes they stand before the Throne,
If we could hear their praise of Christ their Savior,
Who purchased them and claims them for His own;
If we could listen as they tell with gladness
That home with Him outweighs all toil and care;
I wonder, would we waste our time with trifles
Or think His cross so very hard to bear?
If we could see the crowns of all the martyrs,
Their prize from Him a diadem of worth;
If we could hear them shout the songs of vict'ry
Although defeat seemed their reward on earth;
If we could see their look of exultation,
So worthy they, to suffer for His name—
I wonder, would we welcome any trial
And count it joy for Him to suffer shame?
If we could see the face of our Redeemer,
As on the throne He sits in majesty;
If we could see the glory of the Savior,
Who one day died for us on Calvary;
If we could feel the comfort of His presence,
Forever more to dwell with Him above—
I wonder, would we let the world attract us,
Or let sin's pleasure draw us from His love?

—Anon.

A LIVE CHURCH

Bishop Thomas Casady, Episcopal Church, said recently, "There are those who just can't believe the church is alive unless somebody is washing dishes in the church kitchen or waxing the floor for a parish-house party."

Some one has well said, the more fire there is in the kitchen stove at the church, the less there is in the pulpit! A live church is one whose message is saturated with the doctrine of the precious blood of Christ; a live church is one where sinners repent, forsake their sins, and accept Christ as Lord and Savior; a live church is one interested in the world wide proclamation of the gospel; a live church has a testimony against the world, with its pleasures and sins; a live church is one where the people of God love one another.

A prayer: "Oh God, send us the revival that will cleanse the hearts of Thy people, giving us our first love for Thee! Give us a new sense of our sin and failure before Thee, and the desire to forsake ALL that is contrary to Thy holy Word. Lord, help us to get back to Thee and to New Testament standards."

—In Christian Victory

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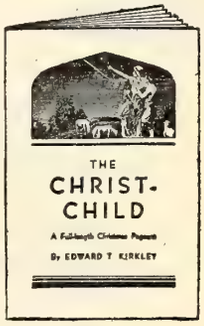

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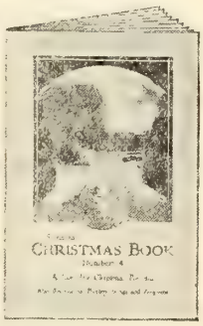

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LITTLE BROWN DOG

By Marie Sprague

He was a brown mutt, with nose black as smut,
And a tail that curled up and around—
With beady black eyes, that could not disguise
Their love for each playmate he found.

He played with the cat with never a spat,
Chasing her up and down through the hall;
When she'd show her claws, he'd just lick her paws—
Happy-go-lucky—that's all!

But late yesterday I laid him away—
He was poisoned by some brutal hand;
How such an end could come to man's best friend
Is something I can't understand.

The cat's plaintive meow is all I hear now,
And gone is her once playful strut;
She's missing their fun—I'm missing the one
And only little brown shaggy mutt.

KEEP OUT THE LITTLE FOXES

Dear Little Friends,

Have you ever seen a fox? Maybe some of you have. Well, sometimes some of us have to go to the zoo to see them, and how glad we are that they are on the other side of a large cyclone fence!

The Bible talks about foxes and considers them as tricky little animals. They spoil things. Foxes like good things to eat, but they steal what they want. We do not like thieves of any kind. Once we knew of a cat who stole a roast of meat, ate what she wanted, and then slept on the rest. Then we know of dogs who steal, and mice who steal. There are little foxes that creep into our lives and steal, too! What? A fox in our lives? How could that be? Listen, while we see what they are:

There is the fox of **selfishness** that steals love. We all like to be loved, but who loves a selfish, self-centered person? There is a little fox of **disappointment** that steals joy from the life. There is another named **impatience** that steals patience. There is a mean little fox named bitterness that steals sweetness and gentleness from the heart. There is a nasty little one named **indolence** or **laziness** that spoils a lot of good things for us. I hope none of our friends are troubled with this animal. Are you?

There is a mean little fox called **doubt.** This little animal causes unbelief, and "I wonder" to find room in the heart. We lose all faith when that little animal comes around. Then there is a well known fox that "slinks" around and he is called **pride.** There is another with a nickname of **stingy** but rightly called **indulgence.** This little fox helps stingy boys and girls to hide or eat everything in sight so that they will not have to share. Do not some of these foxes make us ashamed? Let us get rid of them right now. Turn to God's Word in Song of Solomon 2: 15 and read: 'Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." We are tender and precious in God's sight and He does not want us to be spoiled with these mean little animals.—L. L. K.

PROFESSOR FLOWERS TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS

Mrs. A. L. Ratcliff, of Stanardsville, Virginia, has extended an invitation to Professor A. R. Flowers of Middlesex, North Carolina, to be present for the Annual Thanksgiving service to deliver an appropriate address on that occasion.

Mrs. Ratcliff is a member of the Methodist Church, and was associated with Mr. Flowers in his work in Christian Education before her marriage several years ago, when he was working for the International Christian Endeavor in the State of Virginia.

Marie Caulder

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Brother Dave left four children and dear wife, Mrs. Fannie Price Cox, of E ward, N. C., to mourn their loss. He w a true member of Smyrna Free Will Ba tist Church. He had been deacon a treasurer for a long time.

We had learned to love him, but the go Lord loved him more. He was true to h church, and always filled his place wi a smile. We are praying that someo will take his place in the church, and be faithful as he was.

Brother Dave was laid to rest in t family cemetery under a beautiful desi of flowers. Rev. L. B. Manning of Far ville, North Carolina, preached his funer

Brother Dave, we all loved you, but t good Master said, "Come up higher, and will give you a crown of life." Dear ch dren, just live the life that Dad did. I is not dead but is just sleeping, awaiti for the resurrection morning over on t other shore.

—Written by one of his sisters in Chris Mrs. R. C. Bell, Blounts Creek, N. C.

WHEN MORE IS NEEDED

When we became ensnared in war,
The change, of course, was drasti
And it aroused our sympathy,
We grew enthusiastic.

We quickly answered every call
To aid our men in service;
And, from our acts to help these me
We let no pleasure swerve us.

We knitted, sewed, made bandage
And even nursed the ill.
Why, not a need existed then
That we weren't glad to fill.

But, now, I fear we're growing la
In spite of more distress—
And while men die for you—and n
It seems we're doing less!

—Lyla Myers

PRAYING AND SPRAYING

(Faith and Works)

There is a story of two men who owned adjoining orchards. Their orchards were planted at the same time and with the same kind of trees. The methods of care and cultivation were alike and both owners enjoyed profits from their orchards.

Both were devout praying men. One year one of them decided to substitute prayer for the care of his orchard. He announced his intention of deviating from his practice of spraying his trees. He reasoned that there is power in prayer and that the Lord being omnipotent could and would protect his fruit from the parasites without the effort and expense on his part of spraying. That season he did much praying, while his neighbor prayed and sprayed. When came the spring rains and warm sunshine, followed by the harvest. The one who prayed only found his fruit ruined by the parasites. The other who both prayed and sprayed enjoyed a harvest of fine, undamaged, marketable fruit.

This recalls the legend in mythology of the strong man whose policy it was to help the weak with their burdens only when they would help themselves. Prayer can remove mountains but does so only when those who pray for their removal take a part in getting them out of the way.

Those who would pray need also to spray.—Anon.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Georgia State Association, which will convene November 16-17, 1943, with Greenwood F. W. B. Church, 8 miles southwest of Camilla, Georgia.

Tuesday, November 16

10:00—Devotional, Rev. Bruce Clenny
—Welcome Address, Rev. C. J. Harvey
—Response, E. C. Davidson
—Appointment of Credentials Committee
—Enrollment of ministers
11:00—Moderator's message, Rev. H. L. Catrett
—Luncheon
1:00—Devotional, Rev. S. T. Shutes
—Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Treasurer
—Appointment of Resolutions and Temperance Committees
—Report of correspondents appointed last year
—Discussions and announcements
7:30—Devotional, Rev. J. D. Payne
—Sermon, Rev. A. B. Arel

Wednesday, November 17

10:00—Devotional, Rev. John Little
—Reports from:
Sunday School Secretary
Temperance and Resolutions Committees
Foreign Missions Representative
Home Missions Representative
National Association Representative
11:00—Sermon, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of National Association
—Luncheon
1:00—Devotional, Rev. E. C. Morris
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—Election of officers and boards
—Appointment of Program Committee
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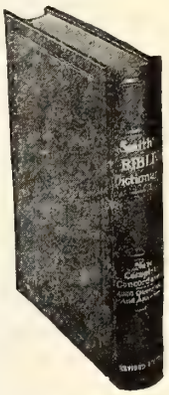

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  And graciously answer me.
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  "Thy face, O Lord, I seek."

Hide not Thy face from me,
  Reject not Thy servant in anger:
  For Thou hast been my help.
Abandon me not, nor forsake me,
  O God of my salvation:
For father and mother have left me;
  But the Lord will take me up.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord:
  Lead me in an even path,
  Because of mine enemies.
Give me not up, O Lord,
  Unto the rage of my foes;
For against me have risen false witnesses,
  Breathing our cruelty.

Firm is the faith I cherish,
  That I, in the land of the living,
  Shall yet see the goodness of God.
Let thy heart be courageous and strong
  And wait on the Lord.
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REVIVAL AT ARAPAHOE CHURCH

Our revival began on October 18, and continued through October 24. It was a very good meeting. Reverend D .W. Alexander did the preaching. He brought us some splendid messages each night. We hope that we can have him with us again in the near future.

Our revival was followed by our Home-Coming Day, October 24. We were fortunate indeed to have with us "The Gospel Quartette" from Grantsboro and "The Tabernacle Quartett" from New Bern. They brought us some very stirring messages in song.

Our pastor, Reverend Clifton Rice, brought us a very stirring message on the subject, "Is There any Word from the Lord." This was followed by a picnic dinner on the church grounds.

Our Baptism was held immediately after dinner at Kennel's Beach.

There were twenty candidates baptized and three others took membership with us, from other churches. It was a very sacred occasion.

The candidates were received in the church at the Sunday night service.

We are requesting the prayers of God's people for those who gave themselves to the Lord and that our church will grow in the spirit of the Lord and that God will continue to use it for His glory.

A member of the Church

WERE THERE NOT TEN?

By Ruby Weyburn Tobias

Yes, Lord; and with the strength of ten
To drag their weakness to your feet;
Ten men with faith to seek you when
Your boon could make life's bitter, sweet.

Ten who could pray and never faint
Till on their gloom the sunshine broke;
But only one, the kind of saint
In whom your love a paean woke.

And yet, my heart, be not too quick
To censure such ingratitude;
Perhaps this sad arithmetic
Includes your own strange attitude.

Forgive, O Lord, this lack of mine,—
This sin, when all is said and done;
Subtract me from the graceless nine
And count me with the thankful one.
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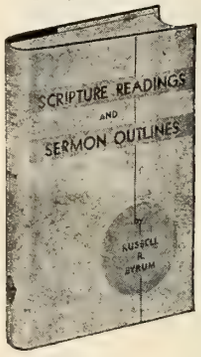

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EDITORIAL

IT IS BEING DONE—

The contributions to foreign missions by the different churches in the different states are showing an increase. Reverend Winford Davis, the National Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, has published in this issue of the Baptist paper a splendid report of the funds that he received during the month of October, 1943. According to this report, several of the states in which the Free Will Baptist churches have strong memberships are showing greater interest in foreign missions.

Since the mission field in India has recently been opened again for the return of the missionaries to that field, and also since the mission work in Cuba is progressing so nicely, the local churches in the various states are contributing larger sums of money to these worthy fields of mission work abroad. In fact, the entire denomination is becoming more aroused to the great need of foreign missions. It is sensing, as it should have done decades ago, its Christian duty in rendering a greater support to foreign missions. The ministry is now rallying to this most needed work than it has ever done in these latter days of spreading the Gospel of Christ among the people.

We fully believe this renewed interest and great concern in foreign missions in the Free Will Baptist church will not become careless and indifferent after the war is over and the world turns back to peace. The church people will continue to see the need for a strongly supported mission work in the foreign fields. Accordingly, they will maintain interest through the coming years in an increased support in this great work.

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IT IS NO LESS TRUE—

The support of the aged and retired ministers of the denomination is now increasing all the while. It is, therefore, no less true that the ministry and the church people throughout the denomination are becoming more concerned about making adequate provisions for those ministers who are now no longer able to be of active services in the work of the Master. Many of the states have Superannuation Boards set up for the purpose of waging campaigns to raise funds for this noble purpose, as well as the National Association has inaugurated a national plan for the securing of funds, and endowment plans to take care of the needs of the disabled ministers of the denomination.

Reverend L. M. Johnson, the Chairman-Treasurer of the North Carolina Superannuation Board, has submitted to the editor for publication in the Baptist paper a gratifying report of the contributions which the churches of the State sent to him for this purpose during the month of October, 1943. It is beyond anything the churches have done in any one month for Superannuation in quite a while. It was Superannuation month for the State, and the ministers and the lay leaders boosted this campaign with the view of making it a splendid piece of work. And this they did to the glory of God and the honor of the churches that participated in this drive, as well as to the financial good of the worthy ministers who shall share in the receipt of some of these gifts which the church people so gladly contributed to their comforts.

Yes, it is no less true that the ministry and the church people as a whole are becoming more concerned about the proper care and support of the retired ministers who, years ago, battled long and hard in the Gospel Ministry to win souls for Christ, and to keep the church going for the glory of their Master. Never again shall the Free Will Baptist church, let us hope, be negligent concerning the proper care of its disabled ministers. While it has given support, though in a minor way, during the past decades to its needy ministers, yet it could have done much more had the ministry insisted upon this important phase of the work of the denomination.

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GREATER UNITY—

The old axiom, "In unity there is strength," contains a world of truth, which may be applied to leadership in the church. The writer of this editorial note has labored with and been a member of the Free Will Baptist denomination for thirty years. During those years he has had the opportunity to observe, both in a local way and from a national point of view, something of the work of the Free Will Baptist church in the United States. He has seen many of its needs as well as many of its failures and accomplishments. In his candid opinion, he has felt that Christian unity and co-operative brotherhood, both among the ministry and the laity, have not been during the past three decades as strong and effective in producing results for the Master's cause as they should have been. He attributes much of this weakness to the lack of adequate church leadership, and unity of purpose. And this, in turn, has been due largely to the great need of properly trained and efficiently qualified men and women for Christian leadership in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

But, the trend of things is changing now. With better trained Christian leadership in the church, greater will be the unity of purpose in the work of the denomination. The old saying, "Those who are better trained together, the better are they able to see how to work together." This is equally true in the work of the church as it is in any other work that is profitable to mankind. The ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination is now being trained better, and better prepared for the work of the Gospel Ministry. The church is demanding it, and hence the young men and young women will have to be better prepared for their work in the church, or else fail to take their places in the advancement of the denominational program as it now is moving forward in all of the phases of the church. The Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, will be able to meet their educational needs.

What Prayer Means to Me

The greatest crisis in man's history grips the world today. We need many things if we are to overcome it, but our first need is belief in God. Only through belief in God and His eternal wisdom can we find the fortitude to resist the evils that now beset us.

How can such a faith—firm, unquestioning, tranquil—be attained?

There is only one path to it, and that is prayer.

But the word "prayer" signifies different things to different people. To some it is an outworn ritual, devoid of value. Others are inclined to regard it superstitiously, as appeasement of some mysterious force that might otherwise vent its anger on them. And then there are those who pray because they consider it to be proper and respectable to do so, and who therefore are merely following a form that has no life of its own.

These people miss the true significance of prayer. They automatically shut themselves off from the benefits that can be obtained from it. They are living, not a full life, but half a life.

I do not mean to suggest that prayer is a blessing, a power, reserved for a select devout few. Nothing could be more false. The normal and proper way to think of it is as a part of everyday life, available to all, rich and poor, the sick and the healthy, unaffected by worldly estate, as natural and free as the air we breathe.

Prayer can work miracles, but it should not be considered only in terms of miracles. And let us not think that it is concerned solely with spiritual salvation. That is a common error, perhaps the commonest, and if we fall into it we have lost a great part of the meaning that prayer should have for us. It brings an awareness of God, yes, but also it nourishes the one who prays, both mentally and physically.

This is the aspect of prayer that cannot be emphasized sufficiently. It is not a matter of the spirit alone. It has immediate, direct, tangible benefits for mind and body.

This I know as certainly as I know that I have two legs, two arms, two eyes. I know it through my own experience.

I discovered that after a time of prayer, I was capable of far greater amounts of work. A doctor has testified as a medical fact that my blood pressure was lowered by it, my nerves calmer, my mind rested and alert, my whole body in better health. I was refreshed and ready for work, and if previously I had been in a mood of pessimism or despair, after I had prayed I was charged with new hope and confidence.

This discovery made prayer my greatest source of strength. I could survive no fast without it. Whatever bitter trials of body and mind I have come through successfully, I owe to it. Speak of the powers of modern science and medicine—here is a greater power.

All who pray sincerely will make the same discovery and draw the same benefits. Let the skeptic console himself with his bleak philosophy if he can, but should any man, in times so grim and tense as these, deny himself this ever-present source of inner peace, of mental and physical well-being?

If a remarkable new food were to be discovered, a substance that fed body and mind alike, that was available to all, that cost nothing, that could be obtained at any time, in any place—would any of us turn away from it and refuse it?

Then do we not owe prayer to ourselves?

But I do not mean the empty ritual. To sink to the knees and bow the head is the form, not the spirit, of prayer. True prayer is first of all a deeply felt humbleness, an all pervading sincerity. It is the profound belief that God rests, in some part, in all His children, and can be found within if we seek Him constantly and faithfully.

Underline humbleness. To the cynic I would say: "You will never know the real meaning of prayer until you reduce yourself to a cipher. You must be humble enough to realize that in spite of your self-considered greatness and all-encompassing intellect, you are but a speck in the universe."

Above all, prayer is a thing of simplicity. We must not make it complicated. It does not demand any special circumstances. Practice it in a hallowed place of worship, yes, but practice it also in your daily surroundings.

This is important, for if we permit intervals of weeks or even days to elapse between times of prayer, it will become ever more difficult to attain the sincerity and simplicity that are essential. We become strangers to it, we begin to think of it as a duty to be discharged, rather than as a blessed privilege.

We should not take prayer in vain for trivial wishes. We should not think of it only as a means of asking for something greatly desired. Let us pray when we wish to find the solution to a serious problem, yes, and when we need help in times of crisis; but first of all let us pray to find communion with the Divine Mind.

Indeed, it is not always necessary to formulate words and thoughts for prayer. Sometimes it need be no more than a period of meditation and silence. This permits one to sink within himself and find the inner calmness—which itself partakes of God—that is so often obscured or lost.

Let us remember, then: prayer aids us physically as well as spiritually; it is a balancing force against stress and strain—it adds to the years we are given to live, it does not take away from them.

Because it aids us so much, surely

our resolution should be to practice it daily. And thus we shall bring ourselves into constant awareness of God.

There is danger these days of coming to believe the greatest lie in the world—the lie that the law of the jungle is the only law the world lives by. Prayer is our strongest defense against that evil, our guarantee of serenity and strength in a world at war, our promise of sanity and peace to come, when aggression and bloodshed will be banished forever, when men shall live, as God willed them to live, as brothers.—Anon.

—Sent in by Mrs. Amos Howard

A MISSION FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

The Distribution of Tracts

Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the press. Tracts can travel at little expense. They run to and fro like the angels of God, blessing all, giving to all, asking no gift in return. They can talk to one as well as to a multitude, and to a multitude as well as to one. They require no public room in which to tell their story. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlor or the closet, in the railway coach or in the footpath through the fields. They take no note of scoffs or jeers or taunts. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. Though they will not always answer questions, yet they will tell their story repeatedly, if you wish them to. And they can be made to speak on every subject, and on every subject they may be made to speak wisely and well. They can, in short, be made the vehicle of truth, the teachers of all classes, the benefactors of all saints.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11: 1).

To encourage God's people to give out or send out tracts, "sowing beside all waters," I give a few tracts which have just come to my knowledge.

In 1785 Dr. Cook gave a tract to a family in Virginia named Cowles. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family. Dr. Chickering's tract, "What It Is to Believe in Christ," has been a wonderful power for good. Nearly two thousand people have written to or told him personally that they owe their conversion to that tract. In 1876 a wealthy manufacturer of Cincinnati took with him to Florida a few copies of the tract, "Good News for You." On meeting that gentleman several years later, he said that he gave some of those Gospel tracts to a Methodist evangelist who was holding meetings in Florida. The evangelist thought that the tracts would be very useful at his meetings, and he had an edition printed which he distributed at all the services. He subsequently stated the grand result was that by the blessing of God's Holy Spirit they were the means of the conversion of over three hundred persons.

All these years our God has been watching over these silent messengers and who can tell into how many hands they have fallen, and how many hearts have been moved to receive the truth as to God's salvation?

Richard Gibbs wrote a tract entitled "The Bruised Reed:" a tin peddler gave it to a boy named Richard Baxter; through reading it he was brought to Christ. He wrote "A Call to the Unconverted." Among the thousands saved by it was Philip Doddridge, who wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul." It fell into the hands of William Wilberforce, the emancipator of the slaves in the British Colonies, and led him to Christ. Wilberforce wrote "A Practical View of Christianity," which fired the heart of Leigh Richmond. He wrote "The Dairyman's Daughter." Before 1849 as many as 4,000,000 copies were circulated, and it has testified for Christ in over fifty different languages. Look at this! Not a flaw in the chain! Richard Gibbs, Richard Baxter, Philip Doddridge, William Wilberforce, Leigh Richmond.

Beloved, think of the tens of thousands of tracts (silent messengers which speak for Him many times, in many places, and to many hearts), which you may have fellowship in sending forth. And know assuredly that in the day of manifestation a host shall come before Him, saved through such instrumentalities, besides the many saints who have been refreshed by the way through a tract or book given them.

Beloved brethren, are we thus laying up treasures in Heaven to meet us in that day, and to receive at His hand the reward for such service? If we cannot do this work in person, because of the secular service in which we are engaged, we can have fellowship with the Lord by putting into the hands of such as go forth to "sow beside all waters" the necessary means with which to carry on the work.

Let us not miss the rich blessedness which will surely come to our own souls as we thus stand in our lot before Him to do His bidding.

—Full Gospel and Rescue Journal

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NOTICE—EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the State Association of North Carolina is hereby given notice that the regular session of this committee will be convened at the Free Will Baptist Church in the town of Ayden on the 18th day of November at 10:00 a. m. (E. W. T.)

The officers, chairmen of the various boards, and the presidents of the State Sunday School, the State League and the State Auxiliary conventions compose the Executive Committee of the State Association. If, any member finds that he or she cannot attend, be sure to give a written proxy to someone who can attend.

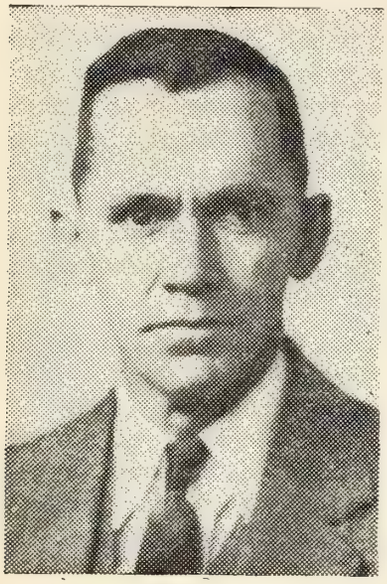
D. W. Alexander, President,

J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary

By order of the President

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reverend W. D. Taylor, who has come into the Rock Fish Association, is thought well of by all who



Rev. W. D. Taylor

have made his acquaintance, and who desire to see the kingdom of God advance. Any church desiring his assistance can get in touch with him at this address: Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.

FLORIDA POST IS REJECTED BY RIVENBARK

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark has declined the call to the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., and will remain as pastor of the Sherron Acres Church.

Announcement of the decision to remain here was made by Rev. Mr. Rivenbark to his congregation during yesterday's service. In a prepared statement he said:

"I have no inclination to accept the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. Therefore, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I am rejecting the call." He informed The Durham Sun that a major reason for his action was that his work at the Sherron Acres Church has not been finished.

Rev. Mr. Rivenbark has had a highly successful pastorate here and his announcement yesterday was well received by the church's membership.—The Durham Sun.

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BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

L. C .Johnson, President

With the enrollment of thirty-two students in the Free Will Baptist College at the beginning of the second year, Free Will Baptists have just cause for thanksgiving. We accept this as a token of God's approval upon this institution.

Let us recall the fact that one year from this past July at the National Association held in Columbus, Mississippi, it was voted to open the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The time set for opening was September 15. At that time the only school facilities we had was a building located at 3609 Richland Avenue with a ten thousand dollar indebtedness on it. We did not have one piece of furniture in this building. There was not one student definitely enrolled. In other words, with a realization of our need for a Bible College and with faith in God, the Free Will Baptist people committed themselves to an Educational Program. Today, approximately fifteen months since committing ourselves officially to this program, we have our building completely free of indebtedness. In this building we have nice modern, up-to-date furniture. We also have this building crowded to capacity with students. Furthermore, it has been necessary for us to rent extra rooms in the neighborhood to house our students. This shows that we have made progress. Surely God has blessed us.

It must be remembered that when we decided to open a Bible College that we did not have one single book to make up a library; but today we have between five and six hundred volumes, most of which are standard books. The library is steadily growing. We wish to commend in a special way some of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of North Carolina for having adopted as a project the purchasing of books for the College Library. We have already received some needed books from them and others are ordered, and are to be ordered.

We have recently had to purchase a larger gas range for the kitchen. The Cumberland Association of Tennessee was gracious enough to donate this to the College. With this new addition to the kitchen, together with the nice dining hall that has been built to the back of the building, we have nice kitchen and dining facilities for the time being.

We believe God is growing through the Free Will Baptist people, a high type, thoroughly Christian College for the training of Christian witnesses. When so many of our State and Church schools have become modernistic and liberal in their teachings, there is need as never before for high type Christian Colleges for Christian people. Why not the Free Will Baptists of America offer to the young men and women of our day an opportunity to receive a Christian Education? Surely an opportunity is before us. I believe we are going to avail ourselves of it.

The response of our people in the support of this work justifies our belief that we have all had a vision of an Educational Program that will give to every worthy person in our midst Christian Training. Let us challenge every interested person to pray with us for a greater Free Will Baptist Bible College. May we suggest to the pastors and to all Christian workers to use your influence in getting all the promising young men and women of our Church who are interested in Christian Work into the

Free Will Baptist Bible College. God is leading us on; may we follow Him. Pray for our College that it may always stay true to Christ.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS

For the Month of October, 1943

Missouri	$ 359.39
North Carolina	200.00
Tennessee	105.00
Georgia	102.35
Michigan	86.77
Florida	75.00
Oklahoma	73.96
Texas	52.96
Illinois	20.00
Ohio	5.00
South Carolina	2.00
National Auxiliary Con.	91.30
Total	$1,173.73

Winford Davis, Treas.

A MESSAGE TO LEAGUERS

Dear Leaguers, one and all:

As my thoughts have drifted into your direction several and many times today, I'll take time out and write just a few lines to you. Now, don't mind me writing to you in this manner, as time is like everything else—it's rationed to us in a way, as our correspondence time is limited now and will be more so as days go by.

I hope each of you will accept this as a personal message direct to you as if you had received a special letter. You might wonder, but we boys away from home think of you and wonder what so and so are doing at certain times. I feel that you all think of us in like manner. It's so nice to hear that all are getting along well. There is never a night so dark and so dreary that my mind doesn't drift back over days gone by.

In the near future (June 24th) I think, to be exact, we go on maneuvers, a time I've looked forward to with dread. Then I'm sure I'll not be able to write as I'd like, still I'll appreciate your mail and I'm sure many of you will not disappoint me.

Sometime ago, I got a letter from the General, signed by my Colonel, stating "I had one of the two Best Mess Halls here on Camp Polk." Remember, there are quite many here. Needless to say I felt very good about it. He came on a surprise inspection one Sunday after I'd left for Bivouac. I've been given credit for sometime having the best in the Battalion, but not Division. At times I feel my job isn't important. I feel I'm not doing all I can, and should do for my country, after all we boys have to be cared for and fed. Do you agree with me? I was also offered the supervision of the officers' Mess by the Colonel himself. Well, I turned the compliment down as I'd rather stay in my own respective company. Too, I'd be cut off from My Co., but would miss all Bivouacs, and probably maneuvers.

Well, to stay with my Company I'll face it. We have a group of boys here who are simply wonderful with a few exceptions as you know. There are a few here who aren't to be beaten, but are actually the best boys I've ever seen. No exceptions!

I'm still quite optimistic over the outcome of things. I feel now as I've felt all the time that this war will soon be over, and all will be at peace. I have one war bond taken from my salary each month before it comes to me. Then I'm sending the rest to Eva and having it all put into bonds with the exceptions of a few dollars I save for the essential things one has to have here.

In conclusion, I'll say, "may God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone of you and God hasten the day when we'll all be reunited again." I'm also glad you're all doing so well with your work and League and I hope it will continue to grow and prosper as the years go by.

Love and regards to each of you,
Alton.

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THE NAME "CHRISTIAN"

I have been impressed with the name Christian here of late. Webster says, Christian means one who professes or believes in Jesus Christ. The writer of the subject, "Christian" has been pondering as to whether we who profess to know Christ as our personal Saviour are showing enough difference between the world and our profession of our Master. Are we showing that difference between Christ and the world as people did in the days long ago?

When Barnabas exhorted the church at Antioch, after a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, it was with the purpose of the heart that they would cling close to the Lord. In our imagination, it was a wonderful time. The interest was so great that Barnabas went for Saul to help. It came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught many people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

If our church people would live up to the standard of those people, then the world could see a difference. There is no wonder that Paul said for us not to be conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove that which is good and acceptable and perfect will of God. He also advised us to have no fellowship with the unfaithful workers of darkness, but rather reprove them. When church members run with the world, and do the things as the world does, they cannot be expected to show the Christian spirit of life.

Johnson Oatman, Jr., gives my testimony in the following words: "I have no desire to stay where doubts arise, and fears dismay. Though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim is higher ground."

May the Lord bless every institution of His in a forward way.

Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear "Labourers Together with God":

Some time ago I was requested to contact our women through the pages of our church papers and I said, "As soon as the Lord gives me a message, I shall be very happy indeed to write to them; but, until such a time, I shall not burden them with a multitude of my words." I feel the time has come so here I am.

I have not been idle since you elected me in July. In fact, I have been quite busy. I visited the Missouri State Women's Auxiliary Convention where great and marvelous things were accomplished for the Master. A spirit of Christian fellowship permeated the entire sitting. A truly great missionary zeal was exhibited.

This past week I visited the Women's District Auxiliary Convention in Southern Illinois. From there I was enabled to visit four other churches in the same vicinity, preaching five sermons in the three days I was there among those people. God blessed our gatherings in a marvelous way. At the Convention an offering for missions was taken to the amount of approximately $63.00. On Sunday evening I witnessed the consecration of three precious young people as they gave their lives wholly unto Jesus.

To me, the kindness, hospitality, and generosity of the children of God in that place shall always remain a cherished memory. I found the work, that had been sown through the Christian Workers' Institute by Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Mrs. Agnes Frazier, and Rev. Mrs. Elsie Curtis, thriving and bearing abundant fruit. The fervent zeal of those women is a challenge to all of us. The pastors are heart and soul behind them in their work and of course that means much to any group of workers. I wish to take this opportunity to again say, "thank you" to the good people of Illinois.

I have been writing to the various State workers endeavoring to keep in touch with the work generally. I have been handicapped in this to some extent in not knowing the names and addresses of all State or District Presidents. So, will you please contact me?

I have been informed by our National Treasurer that the Jehoiada Chest fund has fallen down somewhat. Let's remember that it takes money to carry on the work and not fail to give according to our ability. The native Missionary Fund is doing good so let's keep it going and growing until by next Convention time we shall be able to support even more than we are now. Also I would ask you to remember our Literature Department and get your orders in NOW for the new 1944 Year Book. These orders are to go to: Mrs. Agnes Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, 6, Tennessee.

A minister that had been preaching for several years, once said, "I've just realized that I'm not working for God but WITH GOD." Christian labourers, we are working WITH God. He goes with us, before us, follows after, and does all things for us; so keep this in mind as you work, you're not working alone! There are times when it seems as if every friend and helper have turned their backs on us and we are alone, but not so, for God is still WITH us! "I will be with you always," said He.

Please continue to pray for me. I feel my unworthiness for such a responsible position, very keenly. If I can be of any assistance to you in any way, do let me know. I shall be most happy to help you to the extent of my ability.

Praying God's blessing to rest and abide on you and your work in His name wherever you may be, I remain,

Because of His Amazing Grace,
A labourer with God and You,

Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
President Women's National Auxiliary Convention.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Friends:

As you will notice from the following report, October has been a great month for Superannuation in North Carolina. To those who helped to make this report possible, your Board wishes to say "thank you." And to those who have not yet helped, we say, We'll be glad to hear from you any time.

Your Board is planning to start sending monthly checks to our retired ministers in the month of December and will send checks each month thereafter, so you see we will need your continued contributions.

If any one has mailed me money for Superannuation during October and it is not shown in this report, please write me at once.

The following is a report of all Superannuation funds for October:
Oct. 1., Balance on hand ____$152.82
Received in Oct. as follows:

Oct. 1,	Sidney Wom. Aux.	$ 3.25
5,	Smynra	6.00
5,	Whaley's Chapel	15.06
5,	Little Creek	20.00
5,	Holly Springs (Johnston County)	14.61
5,	Marsh Swamp	20.00
5,	Lanier's Chapel	10.00
6,	Core Creek	25.00
6,	Powhatan	15.00
6,	Durham	25.00
10,	Bethel (Johnston County)	8.25
10,	Snow Hill	9.20
10,	Tippett's Chapel	10.00
11,	Grimsley	13.50
11,	Laura Wiggins Bible	

Class, Hickory Chapel	10.00
11, Pleasant Plains	20.00
12, Prospect Wom. Aux.	2.00
12, Maury	5.00
12, Aspin Grove	14.12
12, Bethlehem	5.00
12, Rooty Branch	4.00
12, Welcome Home	5.00
12, Sound Side Leagues	11.00
12, T. H. Gaskins	1.00
13, Rev. J. H. French	15.00
13, Hickory Chapel Int. League	2.00
14, Central Aux. Conv.	37.62
15, Owen's Chapel	11.30
16, Mrs. J. J. Overton	1.00
17, White Oak Hill	7.20
18, Little Rock	25.00
19, Deep Run	5.00
19, Pearsall Chapel	10.00
10, Brice's Creek	9.06
19, Stancil's Chapel	18.86
19, Hickory Chapel	100.00
19, Hickory Grove	5.00
19, Union Chapel (Beaufort County)	2.50
20, Sidney Church	10.00
20, N. C. State Asso.	50.00
20, Cabin Church	10.00
20, Cape Fear Aux. Convention	3.50
20, Little Rock L. A. S.	2.50
21, White Hill	7.25
21, Bethany L. A. S.	4.00
22, Dawson's Grove L. A. S.	2.00
22, Kenly Church	13.79
23, Kenly F. W. B. L.	4.50
24, Union Grove (Wayne County)	10.00
24, Johnston Union	5.50
25, Corinth (Sampson County)	10.00
25, Casey's Chapel	21.95
25, Casey's Chapel L. A. S.	3.55
25, Antioch (Wayne Co.)	8.67
25, Elwood Lane	5.00
26, Daily's Chapel (Eastern Conf.)	4.00
26, Ephesus Church	10.00
26, Rose of Sharon	5.00
26, Prospect	9.00
26, Union Grove (Durham County)	10.50
26, Woodington	10.00
27, Mr. E. R. Godwin	25.00
27, Sts. Delight (Greene County)	5.00
27, Sts. Delight (Craven County)	5.88
27, Sts. Delight L. A. S. (Craven County)	2.00
28, Hugo	10.00
28, Bethel (Pamlico Co.)	16.05
29, Malachi Chapel L. A. S.	2.00
29, Little Rock Miss. Society	2.00
29, Stony Creek	10.00
29, Shady Grove	40.58
30, T's Chapel	17.00
30, Lee's Chapel	3.50
30, Shady Grove L. A. S.	1.00
30, Rain's X Roads	20.00
30, Gum Swamp	10.00

Nov. 1, Received in Oct.	$912.25
Total expense in Oct.	$ 12.25
Nov. 1 25% paid to National Superannuation Treas.	$225.00
Balance for October	$675.00
Grand Total now on hand	$827.82

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer,
Lucama, N. C.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls
Greenville, N. C.

"The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him" (Psalms 37: 32). We recall several occasions where different people were watching the Saviour, as He went about doing good from day to day, casting out evil spirits and healing the people of their different infirmities.

Read St. Mark 3: 2, where they (the Pharisees) sought an opportunity to accuse Christ that they might slay Him. But they could not, or would not answer the question that Christ asked them, for they were fully determined to do a way with Christ. It appears that the Pharisees could not decide within themselves just how to proceed with the accusation, so we find them asking advice of the Herodians.

Now, there was another, or least several righteous persons, but we wish to speak about Job. Satan tried to torment him, and did cause Job to suffer everything but death in order that Job would do or say something displeasing to the Lord, for Satan had said, "Job would curse the Lord to his face" (Job 1: 11).

If Satan could have succeeded in getting Job to curse God, then Satan would have indirectly been the slayer of Job.

I guess most all who are trying to live for the Lord are aware that the worldly people are watching them, and if the Christian happens to do, or say, the least thing out of the way it isn't long before the worldly people all know about it, and if some sinner is asked about living better and serving the Lord, he will quickly tell you, that Mr. A does thus and so, therefore he doesn't see any use for him (Sinner) to unite with the church.

As I said above that the sinners all found out if a Christian made a mistake, then they spread the rumor far and wide, thereby unknowingly fulfilling the prophecy of Psalms 37: 32. And as the Lord didn't leave Job in the hands of Satan, but reclaimed him, so will He do His servants today. For verification of this last statement please read Psalms 37: 33, and give thanks to the Lord for this verse of Scripture.—AMEN.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Hebrews 12: 2

By Emma Lee Davis

Looking around us—
There's conflict and burden and sorrow,
Faces of grief,
And the sound of an infinite woe.
Looking to others—
We find fear and hope for tomorrow,
But not the solace
Our faltering spirits would know.
One look at self—
And like shadows our failures come thronging,
Weaknesses mock,
And our courage and faith flicker dim.

Only one comfort
For all of our heart's bitter longing;
One glowing hope—
Looking now and forever to Him!

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary

From the Field

News of great revivals are being heard of from various places. Very likely these revivals are the result of honest prayer. The Psalmist said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray." A great many of God's children have neglected to walk close to God for many years, now the war has come (our affliction) and we are calling upon God to save our children, and backing it up with a "closer walk with God." It will work every time.

Sunday School Wins Over Beds

"If its Sunday school or beds made, I let the beds go un-made, and even my house not cleaned up, and go to Sunday School" said a Christian lady the other day. "Fine decision Sister" said I. Every woman, who professes to love Christ, ought to go to Sunday School, if possible. And if you cannot go and do all the work around home, why go any way. The dust and dirt, and used beds will stay where you leave them, but when you miss a Sunday worship, that Sunday never returns. It is lost forever to you. The opportunity is gone never to return. It is lost forever to you. The opportunity is gone never to return. Yes, leave your work, for God's worship every time. You will win by so doing.

From the Deacon's Scrap Book

From the columns of the F. W. B. Messenger we take the following, under the caption above, by L. E. Duncan. There is no particular heading given to these lines, but we are asking the question,

What Kind of a Member Are You?

"Are you an active member—
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home,
To criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

Do you ever go to visit
A member that is sick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Think this over member—
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

A great number of people seem to think that they are all right when they get their name on the church ledger and all that can be said about them, is, "They just belong." Brother, Sister, you better go further than "just a member," if you want to be among the wise "VIRGINS" when the BRIDEGROOM comes for His Bride.

Never Say, "I'm Not Prepared To Preach"

Dr. E. L. St. Claire, said to me one time, "Never say that you are not prepared to preach, when you are called suddenly, for the people will soon find it out, so you need not bother to tell them." I often notice, when someone is about to begin to preach, at the preliminary remarks, and think of Dr. St. Claire.

Ignorance Gone To Seed

There is a story told of a man who was praying in Eastern North Carolina and in his remarks it is stated that he said, "Lord, I know that I'm ig-no-rant, but if I'm not as ig-no-rant as you want me to be, just make me more ig-no-rant-er." Now, I do not know that any such words were ever said by any person, except just as an old story. However, there is a great deal of ignorance displayed among those who profess to be Christians. The Apostle Peter said, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3: 15). But a great many professed Christians cannot give an intelligent answer to the question, "Why are you a Christian?" or "Why are you a member of the church?" The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think that ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." The Bible will furnish us with an answer that will put to flight the enemies of Christ, if we will but only learn, "Thus saith the Lord." It worked with Christ, when tempted by the Devil, it will work for us.

The Cape Fear Conference

It was our happy privilege to attend the Cape Fear Conference of the Original F. W. Baptists of North Carolina, last week, which was the Eighty-Ninth Session and was held with Tee's Chapel Church, Johnston County, N. C.

Harmoniously the Five-Point Program as set forth by the North Carolina State Association was indorsed and placards handed to the various delegates for their respective churches.

Good reports were received regarding the Superannuation program campaign for funds, which I am sure will be published later by Rev. L. C. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer of the State Superannuation Board. A great report was given by Rev. Herman Wooten, chairman of the Conference Orphanage Committee. Also, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, Rev. J. A. Evans, furthered the report by showing book records, statement of receipts. The Conference voted to raise $500.00 for the Chapel fund at the Orphanage this year.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of the Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a glowing report of the school and brought a great message in sermon on the second day of the Conference.

The Field Secretary had the privilege of placing the State Association work before the body, and of reading of several testimonies from the students of the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., which was received enthusiastically. In all, the Cape Fear Conference moved on in making history for the glory of God.

"God has preserved the Free Will

Baptist to give to the world the true Gospel of Jesus Christ in these last days," said Rev. J. R. Davidson in his sermon. The "Contrasted life and rewards, of Judas Iscariot, and that of the Apostle Paul," was given by Brother Davidson, so plainly that all could see that all who are not following the Lord Jesus in all reality, are traitors to the cause of the Lord Jesus, and that "many sell out for less than thirty pieces of silver."

Tee's Chapel and the community are the last word on real hospitality. They really know how to make their guests appreciate the hospitality so graciously rendered, at this, and on all occasions.

We are sure that God is blessing this church and community, and that a special blessing is in store for the work in caring for the recent session of the Cape Fear Conference.

REVIVAL AT DARLINGTON

Our revival at the Darlington Free Will Baptist church, on Syracuse Street, began on October third, and continued through the following two weeks. The pastor, Rev. Seldon Bullard, formerly of Rockingham, and McCall, South Carolina, did the preaching. He brought some fine messages which were greatly enjoyed by those who attended the meeting.

Brother Bullard was called to fill an unexpired term last July. In September we called him for the coming year as full time pastor. This is the first time that we have had a full-time pastor for our church. We have found that it really pays. Brother Bullard and his family moved here to be with us on September 26, 1943.

We feel that much has already been accomplished in our church here in Darlington for the past several weeks. During the revival many of the church members were revived, and for the past few weeks we have received fifteen new members in the church. On Sunday, October 31, we had our baptismal services in the Second Baptist church baptistry, and a good number was baptized on that date.

The Lord is blessing the work in every service, and almost every preaching service some one finds the Lord precious to his or her soul. Please pray for us that our church may go forward in the work of the Lord, and that during the coming years much good may be accomplished.

J. D. Weaver, Church Clerk,
101 Mellipen Street,,
Darlington, S. C.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I life up my soul. Psa. 25: 1.

He bows his gracious ear,
We never plead in vain;
Yet we must wait till he appear,
And pray and pray again.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mississippi State Association of F. W. B. convenes at Antioch Church, near Tocopala, Miss. on November 18, 19, 1943.
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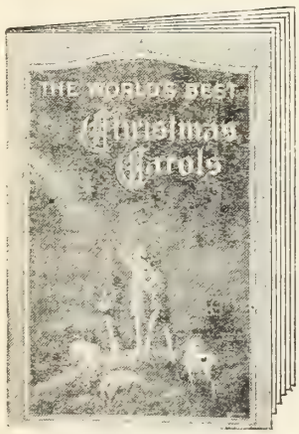

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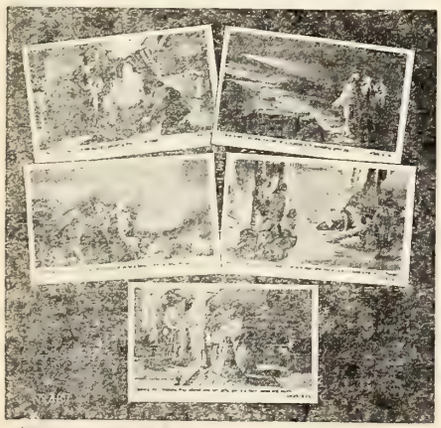

Teachers will find these cards helpful in teaching the Christmas lesson. The five designs are: "The Holy Night," by Feuerstein; "Angel Appears to the Shepherds," by Hofmann; "Wise-men Visit Christ at Bethlehem," by Hofmann; "Arrival of the Shepherds," by LeRolle; "Following the Star," by Russell. Price, per dozen, 20c.; per hundred, $1.25.

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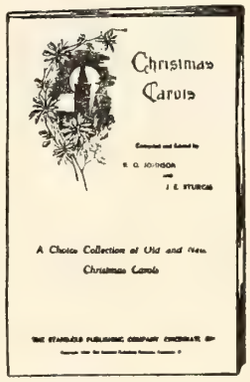

Pastor's Christmas Greeting Card No. 489

The full message is quoted:

Yuletide Greetings
From Your Minister.

This is the time of year when the abounding joy of the present is softened by memories of the past and heightened by foregleams of the future.

My sincerest wish is that the Giver of every good gift may give you such opportunities for service as shall enrich your life "more and more until the perfect day."

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."—1 Thess. 3: 18.

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HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

(Lesson for November 21)

Lesson: Exo. 25: 15; Lev. 19: 11, 13; Lu. 19: 1-10, 45, 46.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou shalt not steal" (Exo. 25: 15).

Strange as it may seem, not all the great religions of the world contain that precept. The Mohammedan, for instance, is enjoined by his religion from stealing from a fellow-believer; but is encouraged to steal from all who are outside the charmed circle of Islam. Indeed, the Koran teaches that there is positive **virtue** in stealing from an infidel, and some of the most accomplished and gifted thieves in the world are to be found among the most devout Mohammedans! There is certainly something radically wrong with a faith that violates this cardinal demand of human decency, and the Mohammedan has richly deserved the contempt that the truly civilized feel toward him and his cult.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told of a tramp who wandering into a church service one evening and when the meeting was thrown open for testimonials he rose and said, "When I was a boy I attended this church. My father was an officer. There were seven of us boys in a Sunday School class. Our teacher used to take us to her home on Saturday afternoons. We had some music and refreshments and then we would look over the new Sunday School lesson for the next day. After a bit, she taught us to play cards. She taught us several tricks. Soon we asked for more of the cards, and **less of the Bible.** Then we dropped out of the class and met elsewhere to play. Then we took to gambling. Two of those boys have been hanged. Three others are in prison for life. If the police knew that I was in town, I would be under arrest within ten minutes All I have to say is that I wish my Sunday School teacher had never taught us to play cards!" Then he turned to go out. As he did so a lady dressed in black staggered to the aisle and exclaimed, "My God, I am that Sunday School teacher!"

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What is the first theft recorded in the Bible, and who was the thief? (Gen. 31: 19, 32).

2. What was the sin that caused the defeat of the Israelites at Ai, and who committed it? (Josh. 7: 1, 11, 20, 21).

3. With what sin were the sons of Jacob charged when they came to Egypt, and by whom? (Gen. 44: 4-8).

4. What did the Old Testament prescribe as the proper punishment for the sin of theft? (Exo. 22: 1-4, 7).

5. What punishment was prescribed for kidnaping (stealing and selling men)? (Deu. 24: 7).

6. What was it that kept the rich young ruler from following the Lord Jesus? (Mat. 19: 22-24).

7. What seems to have been the sin that dominated the life of Judas Iscariot? (John 12: 6).

8. How did Zacchaeus deal with illegally-acquired possessions after he had been converted? (Lu. 19: 8).

9. Of what sin should a Christian never be found guilty? (I Pet. 4: 15).

10. What is the best way of overcoming the temptation to steal? (Eph. 4: 28).

11. How did Zacchaeus prove his conversion? (Exo. 22: 1-5; Lu. 19: 8).

12. Have you read Judges 17 and 18 lately?

13. Read the comment on the Eighth Commandment in our **Senior Quarterly.**

14. Why did Jesus call the temple traders **thieves?** See the answer in our **Advanced Quarterly.**

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Honesty in All Things

An old trader who had established himself among the Northern Indians tells a good incident of his first trials with his red customers. Other traders had located in that same place, but had not remained long. The Indians flocked about the store of the new trader and examined the goods, but offered to buy nothing. Finally their chief visited him. "How do, John? Show me goods. Aha! I take blanket for me, and calico for squaw —three otter-skins for blanket and one for calico. Ugh! pay you by'm-by to-morrow." He received his goods and left. On the next day he returned with a large part of his band, his blanket well stuffed with skins. "Now, John I pay." And he drew an otter-skin from his blanket and laid it on the counter. Then he drew a second, a third, and a fourth. A moment's hesitation, and he drew out a fifth skin—a very rich and rare one, and passed it over. "That's right, John." The trader pushed back the last skin, with, "You owe me but four. I only want my just dues." The chief refused to take it, and they passed it back and forth, each asserting that it belonged to the other. At length the chief appeared to be satisfied. He gave the trader a scrutinizing look, and put the skin back into the blanket. Then he stepped to the door, and cried out to his followers, "Come—come and trade with the paleface, John. He no cheat Indian. His heart big!" Then, turning to the trader, he said, "Suppose you take last skin, I tell my people no trade with you. We drive off others; but now you be Indians' friend, and we be yours." Before dark the trader was waist-deep in furs and loaded down with cash.—Dictionary of Anecdote.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61: 2, 3.

BEAVER CREEK S. S. CONVENTION

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention was held at Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, North Belmont, N. C., on Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31, 1943. A grand time was had by all who attended the convention.

The delegates from the various Sunday Schools met on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 for the business session, which included the election of officers for the ensuing year. Brother E. W. O'Dell of North Belmont, N. C., was re-elected as president. Brother G. P. Shepherd of Gastonia, was elected as vice-president. Brother A. M. Coleman of Belmont, N. C., was elected as treasurer. Lloyd V. Wiggins of North Belmont, N. C., was re-elected as secretary, and Mrs. Evelyn Hogan of West Gastonia, N. C., was elected as corresponding secretary.

There were some splendid talks made during the course of the business session. It was a very successful meeting in every way. On Sunday morning the singers began to arrive, and by ten o'clock, which was the starting time, the church was overflowing and crowds continued to come, until the afternoon was well on its way. The Contest Singing for Sunday School Banner, which also included the Sunday School reports, was done before noon. There was also some open convention singing at 12:30.

The large crowd of people was invited to one of the finest dinners on the church grounds that one could imagine to see at such a Sunday School convention. At 1:30 P. M. the contest began. Then followed the quartett contest singing. After this we had some open convention singing. The judges then made their report, giving the percentage of each contesting class, and quartett. The banners were awarded as follows: The Sunday School Banner went to North Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Sunday School at Gastonia, N. C. The Class Banner went to Washington Street Free Will Baptist Class of West Gastonia, N. C. The Washington Street Quartett also received the Quartett Banner.

A great time in the Lord was enjoyed by all in attendance at this Sunday School Convention.

Loyd V. Wiggins,
Box 26,
North Belmont, N. C.

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6: 17, 18.

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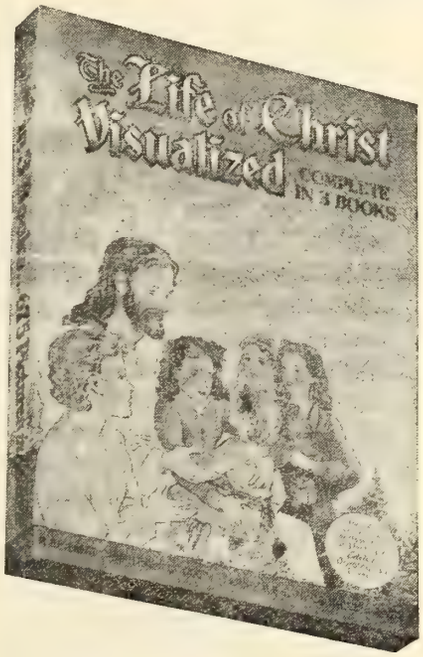

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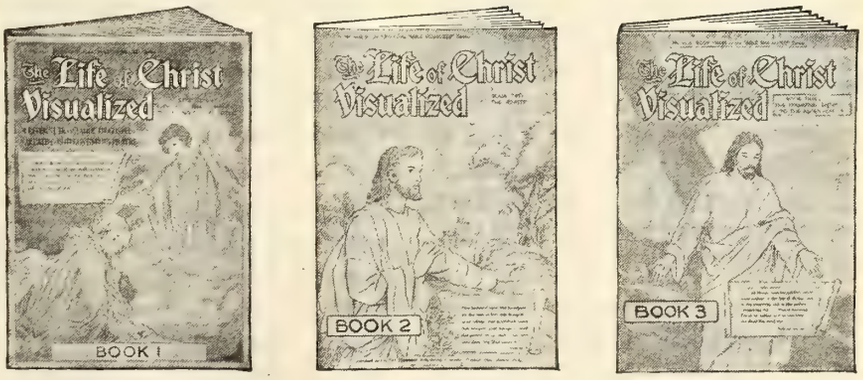

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Boys and Girls Corner

JANET—CASTAWAY

By Mary Watson Fish

"When is Mother going to punish me, do you suppose?" whispered Janet to Margaret, her sister.

"I'm sure I don't know," answered Margaret. "Didn't Mother look queer when she found out you had disobeyed her again? Usually she punishes us or sends us to bed shortly after she finds out but to-day she looked so strange and hurt after speaking to you about it she simply walked out of the room without saying a word about punishment. Of course she has asked you many times not to do the same thing you did."

"I know, but I can't see why I shouldn't do it. Everybody else does and every time I ask Mother she just says, 'Not just yet, dear,' so if I ever get to do it I must do it this way even if she doesn't want me to."

"Yes, but Mother says you are only twelve years old and that is not old enough to know just why some things are not best to do and that if you and I loved her we would obey her and trust her judgment as to what is best for us until we know for ourselves," returned Margaret.

"Well, I can see no harm in it and evidently I am not to be punished, so let's go outside and play and forget it."

Soon Janet and Margaret were happy in their play and had forgotten all about the past disobedience, but not so Mother. She was vainly trying to think of some way that would help her little girl to want to obey even when she could see no need for obedience. She had tried "spankings" and "being sent to bed" but neither of these had proved successful in this case.

"Let me see," mused Mother. "When I become neglectful or careless of my Heavenly Father's will for me, what happens? Is not the happiness and fellowship of our communion broken and am I not unhappy at God's seeming indifference to all that concerns me? Of course I know that He does love me but my happiness in His love is not restored until I repent and ask forgiveness. The closer and sweeter the fellowship between us has been, the more noticeable and painful is its severing. I wonder—just how close is the relationship between Janet and me? Has it been one of such friendly, loving comradeship that she would notice or care if I should become indifferent and would she realize that her disobedience had brought about such a condition? I will try it," declared Mother as she arose and went busily about her tasks.

"Margaret," called Mother a little later. "I need you to help me set the table."

"She didn't call me, so I can play a little longer," thought Janet as she watched Margaret go into the house.

Soon Father and Big Sister came home from work and yet no one had called her from her play or invited her in to supper and surely it must be nearly supper time. Probably she had better go in and see. And surely enough everyone was just sitting down to the table and no one seemed to notice that she was not there. No one sent her away from the table to wash her hands, either. How strange! In fact nobody seemed to pay her any attention except to ask her to pass things occasionally. Once, when she started to relate a laughable incident that happened in school Mother watched her with such a far-away look in her eyes that Janet knew she was not listening (which was more than strange, for Mother always listened) and finally it became so embarrassing that she ceased talking right in the middle of her incident because all the fun of telling it had strangely disappeared.

After supper Big Sister helped with the dishes so Janet was not needed. No one told her to study her lessons or go to bed, but somehow it was so lonesome that when Margaret went to bed she went along with her.

"Does Mother act strangely to you, Margaret?" she questioned later.

"Why, no, I hadn't noticed," returned Margaret.

"Did Mother kiss you good night?" she continued to question.

"Yes, of course. Didn't she kiss you, also?"

"No, came Janet's voice, suddenly tremulous with unshed tears. "She told me that only people who love each other should kiss. She thinks I do not love her because I disobeyed her."

"Well, you know that Jesus says if we love Him we will keep His commandments, so possibly Mother thinks that is a good way to tell whether we love her or not, also," returned Margaret with a yawn as she turned over to go to sleep.

The next morning Janet was up early. She thought she would be more helpful than usual, for Mother always appreciated her helpfulness at breakfast time. She found, though, that Mother had almost finished preparing it and Margaret was setting the table, and even Big Sister was making the toast, which was Janet's task. There seemed nothing at all for her to do but just stand around. Everybody seemed to be unusually happy this morning—except her. She just simply could not eat all of her breakfast and Mother did not even notice. Usually Mother insisted that a good breakfast was necessary before going to school. Mother did not even suggest that she practice her music lesson before school or offer to comb her hair until she was asked and then she did it in such a preoccupied way that Janet felt so unnecessary and awkward and lonely that she almost cried.

"If I should tell Mother that I am sorry I am sure she would notice me and I would be happy again," thought Janet. "If disobeying and having my own way puts me away from everybody and causes me to hurt like this on the inside I can truthfully say I am sorry. Of course everybody else does notice me, but Mother; and I can't expect her to pay attention to what I say unless I pay attention to what she says to me and I didn't."

So the day wore on. It was no fun to play house or squares or jump

rope with any of her playmates, for it seemed that a lump of lead had lodged around her heart and she could not be happy or light-hearted as long as she felt so guilty for treating Mother so. Would school ever close so that she could go home and tell Mother she was sorry? She was so unhappy that she could hardly wait to tell her.

"Oh Mother, I am so sorry," she sobbed as she opened the door and flew into Mother's waiting arms. Tenderly Mother gathered the little form close.

"There has been no fun in anything since I disobeyed you," she cried brokenly, "and if you will forgive me and smile and talk to me again I will try not to ever disobey you again."

"Of course I will forgive you, dear, and of course I love you. I have been unhappy, too, but now that everything is made right between us we will both be happy again, won't we?"

The brown curls shook an affirmative answer against her shoulder and a glad look came into the gray eyes as she raised her little face for Mother's pardoning kiss. It was difficult to tell which was the happier, Mother or she.—Sparkling Waters.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

In all the reports of contributions for our National Work, you may have noticed there was no word from our Nebraska field. You perhaps have wondered **why.**

For years prosperity followed those pioneers' work so that the work grew, but later came three things into the life of Nebraska, that were detrimental to her life. First came those awful years of drought during the 1890s. Following these years large numbers were obliged to vacate which weakened the remaining churches. But the worst followed these experiences when there came the blighting elements from the outside forces for Union with the Northern Baptist Convention. Nebraska was unable to see the wisdom proposed in the Basis of Union so stood loyal to the principles of the good old Free Will Baptists. When the vote was taken in 1910 in the General Conference Nebraska could not endorse the movement. So a series of persecutions poured into the state which culminated in killing the whole Nebraska work except one or two churches which still remain tho having no pastors. I trust our brethren may thus be able to see why Nebraska has had no representative for the past several years in our National Association and no contributions for our benevolent work.

John H. Wolfe,

Pawnee City, Nebraska

PATTERN OF DICTATORSHIP

"I'll break the bonds that shackle you,
"I'll set my people free;
"Just put me in command, and then
Trust everything to me."
At first it sounded plausible;
He talked of rights and freedom—
The right to do what others do;
Confused, they let him lead 'em.

"I'll ask for nothing more," said he;
"Just give me this—one more—
"With this I shall be satisfied;
'Twill even up the score."
So said the dictator A. H.
Once, twice, and yet again.
But every promise was a lie
That cost the life of men.

Youth by the millions followed him;
He led them to their graves.
All those he promised to set free
Have now become his slaves.
He's shot and starved and tortured men
As everyone can see;
And most of us are neutral yet
In 1943!

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked."
As we sow, we will reap.
Neutrality, indifference now
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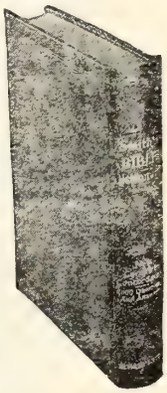

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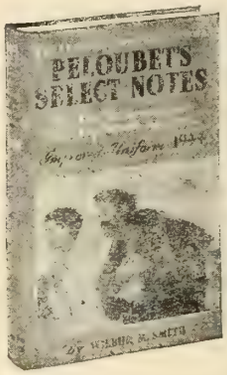

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The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,
The flowers of our youth and the fruits of our prime,
And the blessings that march down the pathway of time.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is dear—
The sob of the tempest, the flow of the tear;
For never in blindness and never in vain,
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.

We thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour;
The generous heart and the bountiful hand,
And all the soul help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be;
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee.
Let all our eternity form, through Thy love,
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—Will Carleton

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The Carteret County Union of Free Will Baptist Churches of the Eastern Association convened with Holly Springs Church at Newport, October 30, 1943.

The meeting was opened by congregational singing with the Moderator, Rev. W. E. Anderson, in charge. Brother W. W. Scott offered prayer. The various committees were appointed, and a free will offering was taken for the orphanage in the amount of $23.55. We had with us the following ministers: W. E. Anderson, K. W. Gaskill, L. L. Willis and J. C. Griffin.

The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. K. W. Gaskill, who used the Scripture, Acts 3: 16 and as subject, "The Name of Jesus."

After dinner, the Union re-convened for transaction of business. The minutes of the last Union were read and approved, and the list of churches was called. Twelve churches responded leaving one not to be represented. Received from churches, $57.15, making a total of $80.70 received.

The different committees were asked to make their reports. They were received as very good.

A short testimony meeting followed, several witnessing for the Lord.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the church and community for their kindness shown this Union.

We closed with song and prayer.

Rev. W. E. Anderson,
Moderator,
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PROGRAM GIVEN BY S. S. CLASS

Dear Baptist Readers:

I want to write in the Baptist paper a few words of praise to the Sunday School Primary class at Palmetto Chapel. They are such a working group that they are always ready to do whatever they can. They learned a fine little program during one week, and we gave it in the church at Palmetto on the Fourth Sunday night in October. We then gave it at Oak Grove Church on the First Sunday night in November.

Mrs. Mabel Wilson, the Junior Class teacher, helped us along with our program. We thank her very much for her services. I am asking all praying people to pray that we might do a greater work in the days to come, and that every Sunday School may work hard to do a great work for the Lord (especially for us).

I am giving the names of the ones who worked so faithfully on the program: Joyce Ann Wilson, Lois Jean Forrest, Patsy Johnson, Della Williams, Douglas Gaskins, Bill Lathinghouse, Lynwood Fornes, Leon Fornes. We are planning to give a program for Thanksgiving. Please pray that we might be faithful in the work of the Lord. The teacher is Mrs. Sallie Fornes.

Mrs. Sallie Fornes,
Vanceboro, N. C., Route 1

If by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Rom. 5: 17.

EDITORIAL

NO BAPTIST PAPER NEXT WEEK

Due to the rush of business at the Press, just at this time in the printing of the Sunday School and League literature, the Business Management has asked that we not get out an issue of the paper for next week.

The editor will get out an issue for Christmas week, since we are having to skip Thanksgiving week this time. The Christmas issue will be this year made a special issue, as we have not been publishing a paper during the week of Christmas for severay years.

For this special Christmas issue, the editor is now requesting everyone who will to prepare messages for this special issue, and turn in the manuscripts to him by December 15, 1943. Both original and selected messages, appropriate for the Christmas season, will be accepted. Pictures of composers will also be received for cuts to be made to go with the message presented by the writer.

Legible handwriting, as well as, typewritten manuscripts will be received, and used, if possible, either in the Christmas issue, or one following soon thereafter. Contributors are privileged to write upon appropriate scriptural subjects next to their own hearts, and such that will be of great advantage to the Baptist readers.

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Those who are planning to give Christmas programs should place their orders right away for the materials which they shall need to plan their programs. As many people purchase religious books as gifts for friends and relatives for the Christmas season, it is now time to place your orders with us, and have your orders filled in plenty of time to have your packages on hand when the Christmas holidays come.

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THANKSGIVING

Thursday of next week will be Thanksgiving Day. Most of the Free Will Baptist churches are accustomed to holding services on this day, and to make a liberal offering for the Orphanages of the denomination, and for other benevolent causes, as they see the need in their churches and communities.

This year the Orphanage at Middlesex will have a homecoming and visiting day for the friends and supporters of the Home to go there, and attend the services which the children of the Home will render for the benefit of all who shall be present. It is expected to be a fine occasion both for the official staff and for the children in the Home. They will rejoice to see hundreds of their friends and supporters there on Thanksgiving Day to cheer them, and to bring glad tidings with their gifts of money and provisions for the store room.

The Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, will very likely have a fine day during Thanksgiving, and rejoice to see many friends come with their gifts and glad tidings of great joy to visit the Home. The editor has been disappointed for some time in not receiving from that Home reports and news of its progress. Certainly, the columns of the Baptist paper are open to the publication of the reports and messages of that Institution whenever they shall be sent to him for a place in the paper.

May every church hold services on Thanksgiving Day, thank God for the manifold blessings of life, pray for peace, and ask God's blessings upon all people everywhere. May they share, not only with the widows and the orphans, of their means, but also contribute to the work of the Lord for missions and Christian education.

CHURCH DEDICATED AT PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

By Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter

The Free Will Baptist Church, of Pikeville, Kentucky, was organized on March 26, 1939. Rev. A. L. Jackson, Rev. James Stratton and Rev. Daniel Hughes met at the home of Brother James Owens, and organized our church with ten members at that time.

Brother G. E. Ratcliff and Brother James Owens felt the burden of this church so much that they willingly, led by the divine Spirit of God, mortgaged their homes for the completion of this church. Rev. A. L. Jackson was chosen by the church to be the pastor. He was a most loyal and devoted pastor for two years. At the present time we are in need of a pastor, and any pastor who would be interested in coming to Pikeville Church, please get in touch with James H. Owens, Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.

The church cost $3,800, and during the last week of October the debt was paid off, and the Dedication Services were held on Sunday morning, October 31, 1943. Rev. Millard Vanhoose, of Paintsville, Kentucky, delivered the sermon in the absence of Rev. A. L. Jackson. The other ministers, taking an active part were Revs. Walter L. Hooper, Isaac Stratton, and Carl Senters. A large crowd of people attended the services, and the Spirit of the Lord was felt by all present.

The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Rom. 8: 26.

How an Actress Was Saved

By H. A. Ironside

(A true story)

The striking words of Augustine of Hippo, an outstanding Christian of the fourth century, have often been quoted: "O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our souls will ever be restless until they rest in Thee." I have just been interviewing a young woman who was saved, through the grace of God, from what might have been, from a worldly standpoint, a very successful career upon the vaudeville stage, but which would have meant, in all probability, the eternal loss of her soul. Today, as a bright Christian business woman, a member of the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago, and an active worker for the salvation of souls, she seldom speaks of the old days when the lure of the theater led her into paths which she now recalls with abhorrence. She consented to tell me her story and gave me permission to publish it, with the hope that it might be used of God to speak to other young people who might be under the same spell that once bound her soul.

Adelaide Vernon was the child of godly parents, but her mother passed from this scene to the life beyond when the little girl was but seven years of age. Her father was an earnest Christian and tried to guide the steps of his daughter aright, but she began to seek the companionship of those who loved the world, particularly of a relative in the great city of Chicago, who was interested in everything in the way of earthly pleasure. While living with this relative, Adelaide went with her into all kinds of places of amusement that pandered to the desires of the natural heart. The dance and the theater appealed particularly to her. Beautiful and talented, she was soon involved in a love affair with a man who proved to be thoroughly ungodly, but through the mercy of the Lord she was saved from entering into a marital relationship that probably would have come forever between her soul and Christ.

Becoming intimately acquainted with a well-known vaudeville actor, Adelaide was encouraged to think of the stage as the place fit for one of her abilities. At first this did not appeal to her, but as she became more and more interested in the theater her inclinations led her at last to consult a booking agent, who felt that he had found in her a prize who would be the means of bringing much money into theatrical coffers. At this time her father was ill in a hospital, and the wilful girl pretended when talking with him that she was attending school, while all the time she was preparing to go on the road as a vaudeville performer. Singing, dancing, and impersonation were her specialties, and the agent was delighted with her ability.

Fortunately, she was linked up in team work with an older actress, herself a married woman, who had considerable character and realized something of the danger that a young girl was exposed to in the life upon which she was entering. This companion's careful oversight doubtless saved Adelaide from many a pitfall into which others, not so protected, have fallen; for, whatever people may say about the uplifting and educational influence of the stage, the fact of the matter is that the average performer is anything but a model of either virtue or sobriety.

Just as Adelaide was about to leave for her first engagement, her father died, and for the moment she wondered whether she had better relinquish completely her intentions. But her companions urged her not to allow this to turn her aside, and so the day after the funeral she started out with what was known as the Western Circuit.

There was quite a group of players, and for some four months they toured the state of Wisconsin, giving performances in all the principal cities and towns. To our young actress there was something exceedingly thrilling and pleasant to the flesh as she stepped out before the footlights to be cheered and applauded by the great throngs who filled the theaters. It was evident from the very beginning that she was recognized as one of more than ordinary ability. None of the troupe received greater recognition, because of her beauty and grace, her sweet singing, apt monologues, amusing impersonations and esthetic dancing, than Adelaide. Her whole being was stirred as she took her part on the stage. Doubtless, those who enjoyed her programs thought her one of the gayest of all the throng, one of the most light-hearted of all the careless multitude. Little did they know that though dazzled by the glamor of the actress' life, Adelaide's heart was sad and heavy and her conscience smarting in the extreme, for well she knew that the life upon which she had entered was the very opposite of that which her godly parents would have wanted their daughter to participate in. Then, too, there was so much about the associations of the theater against which her whole being revolted. She soon realized that if she was going to live a good, clean life, she must be careful indeed of her company when off the stage, and this meant many lonely hours, and left her so miserable that finally she decided that she must join more and more with the rest and go in for what they called a "good time." But nothing satisfied the yearning of her heart. She had been taught better things and soon realized the hollowness and emptiness of the world and its pleasures. During four months, however, she continued on her course, until that particular engagement with the Circuit was completed. Before starting out again she felt she needed a rest and went up to Madison, Wisconsin, where she took a quiet room in a respectable hotel and had plenty of time to meditate upon the past and possible future. But time spent alone was time spent with her conscience. Restless and unhappy, she became acquainted with a group of worldlings and made an appoint-

ment with several young men and women to go with them on a motor ride on a cold January night. The evening before they were to have this excursion she lay upon her bed in real mental distress. Suddenly, it seemed as though she saw the entire party in a stalled machine wrecked on the roadside and all in danger of serious injury. She was so startled that she exclaimed, "I believe the Lord is speaking to me; He is warning me not to go." So impressed was she that she called up one of her friends and told her that she could not participate in the ride. The next day the thought came to her that she had a friend in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in whom she might confide in regard to the trouble of soul through which she was passing. She took the train and, to her great surprise, this friend's twelve-year-old daughter was at the station as the train came in, and took her at once to her home. Helen, for that was the friend's name, was an earnest Christian. When Adelaide came to her she felt she was sent of the Lord, and at once began to talk to her kindly and faithfully in regard to her need of Christ. Half-resentfully, and yet really interested, the young actress listened, though she tried to parry her friend's words as much as she could. But she stayed with her for several days. Sunday came and they went to a church together. It happened that a convention of some kind was on, and when Helen, Adelaide and the children entered the church they were allowed to find seats for themselves, but no one even handed them hymn-books. This aroused Adelaide's ire. "Don't you see," she exclaimed, almost fiercely, "they do not want us here! We are in the wrong place. Let us get out at once." And off she started with the family following her. Outside they debated what to do. The Salvation Army had come to the town sometime before, and they were holding remarkable meetings in which many were being saved. The singing and the music appealed to Adelaide, and the whole party decided to go down to the Army meetings. They sat through the service and to some extent Adelaide enjoyed it, though she was too miserable to thoroughly enter into it. Someone spoke to her personally, asking if she was saved. She snapped him off with a curt reply, and went out of the building. Yet all the time she was longing for that which seemed to make people in the meeting so happy and cheerful. As she was leaving, she turned and noticed a sweet-faced girl wearing the simple Army uniform. Something about that face appealed to her, its purity, its peace, its happiness, told her that this girl had that for which she longed. Little did she know what close friends the two were to be in years to come! Turning suddenly to the girl, whom she afterwards knew as Rose, she exclaimed, "Oh, I wish I could be like you." "You can, sister, if you get saved," was the quiet reply. Rose offered to pray for her. She appreciated this, but was not yet ready to yield her heart to Christ. After the service was over she felt more deeply concerned than ever, and her friend tried to help her, but for the time was unable to give her any relief. A week of prayer for all the women of Oshkosh had been announced, and Adelaide and her friend went every night to the meetings. Impressions were deepened. Little by little she saw the emptiness of a worldly life and the blessedness of a heart yielded to Christ. It was on the following Sunday that Rose stood up to sing. She used a revival hymn that Adelaide had never heard before.

"If you could see Christ standing her tonight,
His thorn - crowned head and pierced hands could view,
Could see those eyes that beam with heav'n's own light,
And hear Him say: 'Beloved, 'twas for you!'

Would you believe and Jesus receive,
If He were standing here?
Would you believe and Jesus receive,
If He were standing here?"

There were other verses, and as Rose sang on her sweet, soft voice carried the words to the very depths of Adelaide's soul. The tears were flowing down her face when Rose came down to her seat and leaned forward to speak to her. The next instant Adelaide was on her feet, followed by two of her friend's children. Out to the front she went, weeping bitterly. As she dropped on her knees and began to cry to God to have mercy upon her soul, the precious words of Matthew 11: 28 came to her in power: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." "Surely," she felt, "these words are for me. I am heavy-laden. I am burdened with a sense of my sin and unworthiness, but Jesus invites me to come. I do come. Lord, I come now. Oh, make me Thine own."

As she prayed on, another verse of Scripture came to her mind, this time, from 2 Cor. 5: 17: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." "A new creature!" her heart exclaimed. "Yes, that is what I want to be. Lord, make me a new creature!" In some way, even as she cried to Him there stole into her soul such a sense of the grace and goodness of God, such a realization of the love of Christ, the One who had died for a poor sinner like herself, that she trusted implicitly, and in a moment she knew the change had come. What a time of rejoicing that was! Rose and herself entered that day into a fellowship in Christ which has lasted to the present moment.

It was not simply wrought-up emotion which soon died down, only to leave the heart as cold and indifferent as before. It was the mighty quickening work of the Spirit of God. Adelaide had been born again. She had believed God's Word, had rested in Christ. Thus she was saved by His matchless grace.

She often testified that she had no difficulty in giving up the world. It was no wrench to her heart to break away from the stage. She found all her desires changed. She turned with repugnance from the gay clothing, the rouge and other cosmetics with which she made up for the stage. She felt instinctively that these things should have no place in the life of a Christian girl. Sometime before, she had entered into an engagement with a young man. She realized at once that unless he too were a Christian, this engagement

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

A Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving For Our Country

The Great Commission Prayer League, 808 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., is sending out posters to its members urging everyone to pray and give thanks.

This poster is beautifully arranged in colors of "red, white and blue." There is a picture of the U. S. flag on each of the lower corners and in the center is the well-known picture of "Uncle Sam" holding the Book with the words on the cover, "The Word of God" and just under this Book, the words, "The Way Out." To the left of this picture are several books, titled, "Socialism," "Fiscal Policies," "Utopa," "Political Panaceas," etc. Near the upper center is the well-known Scripture, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7: 14).

The Forty-Sixth Psalm

On the left of the poster is the 46th Psalm. I print this in full as some readers might not look the Scripture up.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams thereof shall make glad the city of God, the Holy place of the tabernacles of the most high. God is in the midst of her: She shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He muttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of host is with us; and the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in fire. Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of host is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge."

This Psalm is a source of satisfaction to the true child of God. At a time like this, when the nations of the world are so enraged, death and destruction everywhere; racial hatred, riots, murders and violation of every law, both of man and God, with the promise of darker days and a call for greater sacrifices, both in the lives of our men and women and our earnings, with the fears and perplexing problems facing us on every hand, if it were not for GOD OUR REFUGE we would despair.

Abraham Lincoln's Manifesto

On the right side of the aforesaid poster, the Manifesto of Abraham Lincoln is printed which reads:

"And inasmuch as we know that by His Divine Law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in number, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

"We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all of these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

"Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this, my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite in their several places of public worship and devote to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion. All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings and the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high and answered with the blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

What Would Lincoln Say Today?

I am wondering as to what Lincoln would say today. If the sins of his day made him feel that the nation was being chastised, what about today? Yes, if Lincoln could look over the courthouse records and see the account of the divorce courts; could read the account of different crimes, the bootleggers; and know of the adultery and ludeness; the broken homes and the disregards for the marriage vows; the crookedness and rottenness of the politicians; yes, if he could know all that is going on today, what would he say? I think he would say, "America is not far behind Sodom and Gomorrah."

Thanksgiving November 25th

Thanksgiving Day is just a week off. Shall we confess our sins as individuals and as a Nation, and assemble and give thanks unto God? Or will we continue to follow after sin? Shall it be a day of repentance and giving of thanks? Or will it be a day of drunkenness and revelry? A day of debauchery with dancing to the Devil's music? God is calling us

to repent. Will we do it, or will we suffer for not repenting?

Our Orphanage at Middlesex is calling us as a denomination to visit the institution and worship God in a Thanksgiving service. If it is so that we cannot go to the Orphanage, owing to the many obstacles in our way, let us assemble at our places of worship and confess our sins and give God thanks for His many blessings, and ask Him to save our men who are in the armed forces. Let us call upon God to save us from the ravages of the heathen and of unjust men. God wants to save us. Why not repent as a nation and as individuals, and get the blessings of peace and prosperity? If those who call themselves "CHRISTIANS" will quit drinking intoxicating liquors, stay away from dancing halls, quit lying and slandering the name of others; be honest with every one; and follow the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, thereby lifting up Christ as the Saviour of men, then we need not fear the rage of the Hitlerites, the Tojoites and all the demons of hell and earth. "If God be for us who can be against us."

Do not forget that November and December are months to make special offerings to the Orphanage at Middlesex, in order to keep the Five-Point program, as set forth by the North Carolina State Association, Thanksgiving Day is a good time to do something extra.

The Central Conference

It was our happy privilege to attend the Central Conference last week. It was good to be there. The sermons were inspiring; the fellowship great; the business sane; and everything moved smoothly. The Conference voted to give 25 per cent of the general funds to the National Unified program. Also accepted the recommendations of the State Association and the National Association in all their workings. The hospitality of the church was so great that no one could say anything but something good.

Really if you want a blessing just visit Mt. Olive church, Washington County. This was the **one hundred and ninety-fifth** Session of this Conference, having been organized in the year of our Lord, 1748. There are three churches now active in the Conference that are well over 200 years old, namely, Gum Swamp, Pitt County, and Grimsley and Little Creek, Greene County.

The new church of South Norfolk, Virginia, with its pastor, Rev. H. Edgar Harden, was received into the Conference and Rev. Albert Harris of Dawson's Grove church was ordained to the work of the ministry, thus the work goes on for the glory of God.

REVIVAL AT STACY

Dear Baptist Family:

I am writing to let you all know about the wonderful revival that has just been held here at Stacy. It began on October 19th, and came to a close on October 28th.

We were fortunate in having Rev. W. H. Lancaster of Smithfield to do the preaching and Bro. Latham Phillips also of Smithfield to conduct the song service, with Miss Era Lee Fulcher at the piano.

I just can't find words to tell you how we all enjoyed these men of God. The church had been growing cold for quite a while; but, praise the Lord, when we have consecrated men like these, we can just feel assured that God is going to pour out a blessing that will make our hearts rejoice.

Bro. Lancaster is an old-time spirit filled preacher. He preaches against sin, and the only remedy for it is the cleansing blood of Jesus.

There was much interest shown in the meeting from the very first night. Many church members went to the altar and confessed they had been negligent in many ways.

The last night was best of all. Bro. Lancaster preached about heaven, and I am sure the people at Stacy and our dear faithful Pastor, Rev. J. R. Forest, who was with us the last few nights, will never forget that service. Two came forward to cast their lot with the people of God. There was such rejoicing that it made one feel the days of revivals are not past.

We are looking forward to having them with us again next summer, if the Lord tarries. We feel already we are going to have a wonderful time.

We had Bro. Chesson and wife of Harker's Island with us a few nights and Sister Chesson had charge of the children's services. She illustrated her lessons with pictures which were very inspirational, even to grown folks. May the Lord bless them and bring them back this way again.

I am asking the prayers of all God's people and especially our beloved pastor's prayers that have labored with us in the past.

Yours in Jesus' name,
Mrs. Annie Lee Mason.

SO MUCH TO THANK THEE FOR

By Barbara Cornet Ryberg

We have so much to thank Thee for;
Yes, even with our land at war,
With broken homes and boys away,—
We've much on this Thanksgiving Day.

We've so much more than lands afar,
Where terror, bloodshed, bombings are,
Where for a crust of bread they pray,
We've much on this Thanksgiving Day.

We walk our streets and fear no harm,
We sleep at night without alarm,
While bombs work havoc far away,—
We've much on this Thanksgiving Day.

Is any land more richly blessed?
Is freedom elsewhere so possessed?
Freedom to worship, praise, and pray,—
We've much on this Thanksgiving Day.

For homes, for food, for clothes to wear,
For freedom, with its blessings rare,
For love, that hears us when we pray,
We thank Thee this Thanksgiving Day.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1943

Topic: "Heralds of Good News."
Hymn—"Publish Glad Tidings"
Prayer that we may hold to our high and holy purposes.
Scripture Lesson: "Witnesses" (Luke 24: 36-50).

Talks:
1. Our Appointment as Heralds
2. The Power of One Consecrated Herald
3. Every Christian a Herald
4. The Waiting Multitudes
5. Their Waiting—Our Shame

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have"
Prayer of thanksgiving for our own faithful missionaries at home and in foreign fields and of petitions that in our own daily living and conversation we be faithful to our trust as Heralds of the Gospel.

As a group of Christian women,
We have standards to hold high;
Christian service is our motto,
May that spirit never die.

Christian Service is our watchword,
May we never stop with less;
As we give true, loving service,
Our deeds the Father will bless.

Pledge our prayers, our love, our money,
Building for the Kingdom here;
Let us strive for this one purpose
And our service volunteer.

I PLEDGE

My PRAYERS to bind me closer to HIM in whose strength I live.

My SERVICE in the extension of GOD'S kingdom.

My GIFTS to the support of the Women's Auxiliary program of Christian Service.

DO YOU?

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, we wish to express our gratitude to the official family of "The Free Will Baptist" for the space so graciously granted us for the printing of Auxiliary programs these three months while adjusting ourselves to the change made in the time for the Year Book of Programs to be in use again. Accept our thanks and this expression of our appreciation with which is expressed a desire to be of any assistance to you that we can now or in the future.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
(Mrs. J. E.) Agnes B. Frazier,
W. N. A. C. Literature Chm.

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TEMPERANCE REPORT
(Foreword)

Dear Co-Workers:

I am sending a Temperance report to the Baptist which was accepted at the Eastern Auxiliary Convention at Union Chapel the 23rd of September, and also it was accepted at the Eastern Conference at Whaley's Chapel the 21st of October. I, the 1st vice-president of the Eastern Auxiliary, want to get this report in the hands of each 1st vice-president of each Ladies Aid. As I do not know the names of the presidents, I decided the best way to do, was to send this report to the Baptist. I want each 1st vice-president of your local Aid to take this report from the Baptist and practice it in your local Aids and churches.

Respectfully,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard,
1st Vice-President of
Eastern Auxiliary.

The report is as follows:

Resolution

Realizing to a great extent, the enormity of the drink evil, and of its debauching influence in the lives of our young men and women, boys and girls, and that thousands of our nation's best manhood and womanhood are being demoralized, through the use of alcoholic beverages, while we, who should be most concerned, have folded our arms in quiet content, watching the procession of drunkards, and drunkards in the making, among both men and women, pass along to their ultimate doom, with seldom an outstretched hand to rescue them from this untimely destination, we therefore submit the following resolution:

First, That we, a Christian organization, composed largely of mothers, take a positive and decisive stand against the manufacture, the sale and the use of alcoholic stimulants in any way, and that we foster and urge total abstinence from its use by our church people as a whole;

Second, That we join hands with the women's Christian Temperance Union, and with the new Allied Church League, recently organized, and which is composed of Christian men and women of all churches, together with other religious movements, to fight this common enemy until we have driven it so far away that it will not return;

Third, That us mothers begin at once, a training school in our homes, that our children may be taught all the evils, both to body and soul, which come through the use of strong drink, preparing them that when they go out to face the responsibilities of life, that may be able to wield a powerful influence against it, and in behalf of soberness, sobriety and Christian living.

Fourth, That we request pastors holding the care of churches in our Eastern District, to preach at least, one Temperance sermon each quarter, and that we appeal to all teachers in our Sunday Schools to a more diligent and personal treatment in the application of the Quarterly Temperance lesson, as given in our Sunday School quarterlies.

Fifth, That we request the Parent-Teachers' Association to co-operate and promote in our public schools, if and when possible, the teaching of the evils of strong drink to our youngsters, with the facts concerning

the dangerous effect on their bodies, morals and spiritual life;

Sixth, We furthermore resolve to absolutely refuse to vote or support any candidate for public office, who favors the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating beverages, or of any one who supplies brewers or breweries, or "boot-leggers," with commodities with which to make it;

Seventh, Resolved, that if this resolution is adopted by this Convention in session at Union Chapel, this September 23rd, 1943, shall not compromise, or pass the responsibility on to others, but that each of us shall assume whatever part it can of putting it into effect, and that we shall do our best to teach others to "Taste not; touch not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using." Col. 2: 21, 22.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee.

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FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY REPORT

The Fourth Union District Auxiliary convention convened with Free Union Church in Greene County, on the Fifth Sunday in October, 1943. The devotions were led by Brother Heath. The Fourteenth Chapter of St. John's Gospel was read as the Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Brother Heath. The welcome address was by Mrs. Tyndall, and the response was by Rev. P. C. Wiggs. An offering was taken for the Orphanage, and the contribution amounted to $17.81.

Our morning sermon was delivered by Rev. J. R. Davidson, of Nashville, Tennessee, instead of Rev. L. B. Manning who was to have delivered it. Brother Davidson used as his text the first two verses of the Twelfth Chapter of Romans. His subject was: "A Surrendered Life."

The afternoon session was entered into by Rev. N. D. Beaman conducting the devotions, and prayer was offered by Rev. P. C. Wiggs. The ministers were then recognized as follows: P. C. Wiggs, L. B. Manning, J. R. Davidson, Levi Humbles, L. R. Ennis, C. D. Hamilton, M. E. Tyson, N. D. Beaman, and James Ellis of Wilson were present. We then had the reports of the auxiliary which was given by Mrs. C. W. Burress. An offering was taken for the school at Nashville, Tennessee. The Committee gave their reports and they were accepted. The Ladies Aid Banner went to Saratoga. Sunday School Banner went to Edgewood.

We were asked by Rev. N. D. Beaman to consider the Check Book of the Nashville Bible School in Tennessee in our next meeting. He made a motion for the Fourth Union Auxiliary to accept one $2.50 check book, and it was passed, and twelve for the various societies that make up the Auxiliary of the Fourth Union district that might be interested.

We were entertained by the ladies of Free Union Church, and the entertainment was enjoyed by all present. The meeting was dismissed by Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM THE "FRONT"

This is a copy of a letter written to the members of Sidney church, by one of our young men who is in service for our country somewhere in the Pacific. His address is:

R. A. Foreman, C. M. 2-c
C. B. M. U. No. 504
Care A. P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.

October 10, 1943

Dear Friends,

I think of all my friends often, and miss being with you at church and Sunday School on Sunday morning very much. I hope to be back in the near future.

We have church services each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and have a very good attendance. We have no church building, but use the Chow Hall, Warehouse, etc. All who attend seem to get a great deal of enjoyment and comfort from the services.

We have no organs, of course, but with the large number of men singing, it's music and sounds good. Our chaplain is very good

This life isn't like being at home at all, but I'm thankful that it's as good as it is. It could be much worse.

The weather is plenty warm during the day, but mostly comfortable at night.

It's very lonely at times, knowing our loved ones are so far away, but there's always a bright side, if one looks for it. I feel we're in this war for a great cause and in due time God will lift the load from us, and peace and happiness will fill the world as never before. Until such a time, may God be with and take care of both the ones at home and abroad.

Good luck and best wishes,
Roswell A. Foreman.

P. S.—Roswell is a fine Christian boy. Once before he sent home copies of the "Upper Room" to be distributed among his friends. He doesn't forget the church and his loved ones and friends at home. Are we neglecting to keep our boys and girls in service ever before God in prayer? Do we write to them and encourage them as we should? May God hasten the day when peace once more will reign throughout the lands, and when our boys and girls return to home and loved ones once more, may they find that we have been as faithful to them as they were to us.

Mrs. E. G. R.

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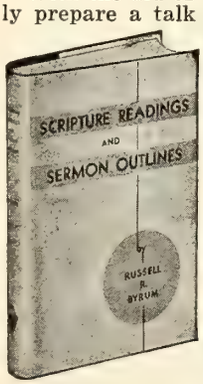

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in their quarterly meeting October 7, 1943, voted to have the annual Thanksgiving services at the Orphanage.

We realize that the traveling conditions are bad, but the children expect their friends and supporters to come if possible.

The program will consist of a Thanksgiving pageant at 11:00 a. m., Eastern War Time. The children of the Orphanage will render this program.

Plan to come if possible and bring a picnic basket and let's have a good time with our children.

Board of Trustees,
James A. Evans,
Secretary

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Middlesex, N. C.

November 10, 1943

Dear Friend:

We have reached the harvest season of the year 1943. This month marks the calendar with a holiday, November 25th. This day is an important one to those of us who care for dependent children. For several years the people of North Carolina have given to the Orphanage generously during the month in which Thanksgiving came.

I am enclosing for your convenience some material that you may use to make your contribution to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage before Thanksgiving. The amount you give will be appreciated by the management and children.

I am counting on you to solicit any funds from your friends and neighbors and include it in your report to our office. The mere mention of this matter will bring response from people who are glad of the opportunity to give to dependent children. May the Thanksgiving season be very sacred and dear unto all of us for God's rich blessing and bountiful harvest.

Thankfully yours,

James A. Evans,
Superintendent

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Central Aux. Conven. offering and approp.	$ 60.00
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Marlboro L. A. S.	4.80
Bridgeton Miss. So.	4.00
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Baling Hay	9.50
Wilson Church	7.88
Baling Hay	37.50
Concert Class Receipts for 23rd week	200.31
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Free Union Church Nash County	20.00
Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
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Winterville S. S.	6.00
Mosley's Creek Church	8.64
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Concert Class Receipts for 25th week	280.10
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Rose Hill L. A. S.	25.00
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Belhaven S. S.	5.92
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Dildy's Grove Church	5.00
Fifth Eastern Union S. S. Convention	40.40
Auction sale receipts	970.10
Total receipts	$5,140.40

James A. Evans, Supt.

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

By Mrs. Vera Elliott
Nashville, Tenn.

"And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8: 34).

As we are nearing Thanksgiving, we shall begin to think of the things we are most thankful for, and how many things God has given us as blessings from His precious hands. The material blessings are so very small in comparison to the spiritual blessings which God gives us that we should be very grateful for everything He does bestow upon us. The greatest blessing that He has given us is His only begotten Son to die on the cross that you and I might have eternal life. The blessed Word tells us that whosoever will follow Jesus he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Him. So, there is only one way to have eternal life, and that is the way of the cross.

What does it mean for one to deny himself? If we are consecrated Christians, we must not indulge in sin, for we are to deny ourselves of the unnecessary luxuries of life. We are to give ourselves fully to the call of the Master. We can deny ourselves by giving to the poor, and when our church needs some extra money we are to deny ourselves of many things we want but will do without for the support and the spreading of the gospel.

What does it mean to take up our cross? To me it means for us to endure trials and temptations, and when testings come when we have to give up our friends, we must be patient and faithful unto Christ. Sometimes our cross is made heavy to bear by our having to bear the burdens of others. When my cross begins to get too heavy, then I think of Jesus, and what He bore for me. His very best friends turned against Him at times, and especially in the hour of trial. But they were like some people of today; they deceived Him. It is a true saying: "A friend in need is a true friend indeed." When that old rugged cross comes before my mind, I think of what Christ endured for me. Then my cross gets so much more lighter.

The Trinity Free Will Baptist League has elected me as the corresponding secretary. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder is pastor of our Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. We have a very wide awake church, and our Young People's League is doing fine. We have some fine leaders in the League, for their hearts are in the work. New members are coming into the church from time to time, and there are several prospective members. The men of our church are so willing to do their part that they prove to be great help to the work of the church. Our church is very spiritual, for it is like a homecoming every time we have services.

Our Sunday School is also growing, and we are looking forward to doing great things in the future. God is so good to us that He gives us money until our church treasury is always in good financial standing. He has certainly blessed Brother Blackwelder with better health, and he is feeling fine now. The church gave him a trip to Florida with all of his expenses paid this summer. While away he held a revival and had great success. Mrs. Blackwelder also took the trip with him in Florida, and stayed one month for her health. Our church is greatly blessed in having a pastor and wife who are devoted to its welfare.

I am asking the Christians everywhere to always remember the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in your prayers, for without prayer we cannot go forward in the work of the Lord.

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TRUTHFULNESS AT ALL TIMES

(Lesson for November 28)

Lesson: Exo. 20: 16; 23: 1, 7; Mat. 5: 33-37; John 8: 42-45.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4: 25).

Our lesson has direct reference to lying, whether expressed in "false matter," or in false and profane oaths. Our Saviour reveals why men are liars, and shows their direct relationship to the devil. It was an act of courage as well as faithfulness to make such an assertion. It is around **Christ's description of the devil** that our lesson centers. He gives two characteristics of the devil: (1) He is a **murderer** (John 8: 44); he brought **death** into the world by his subtlety and falsehood (II Cor. 11: 3). He has had a long history as a murderer. His first act was in Paradise (Gen. 3: 4, 19). He moved Cain to slay Abel (I Jn. 3: 12). He entered Judas Iscariot (John 13: 27), and inspired him to secure the death of Christ. He raised up false witnesses to secure the death of the Innocent Son of God (Mat. 26: 59-62; Exo. 23: 1, 2). The devil is behind every murder, every war with its ruthless destruction of women and children. He tempts sinners to their eternal destruction. (2) He is the **father of lies.** Every falsehood has its **source** in him. He was the first liar, as he was the first murderer; he was a liar **first,** because by his lies he deceived our first parents to their destruction. He was the first author of a lie for he told Adam and Eve that death would not follow the violation of God's command (Gen. 2: 17; 3: 3, 4). The reason of Satan's fall is his utter baseness and falseness (Is. 14: 12-15) "there is **no** truth in him" (John 8. 44). He dwells in darkness and hates the light of truth. Lying is **natural** to him for he rules over the realm of error and falsehood. "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his **own**" (vs. 44). The devil in contrast with the Holy Spirit, who speaketh not of Himself but of the things given Him of God (16: 13), invents lies to suit his own evil purposes. He is the **creator** of every lie, every erroneous doctrine and his double purpose is to **frustrate** the eternal purposes of God, and to **lead** his dupes to their destruction. If we give way to his voice he will certainly gain his end, for by heeding him we shall end in opposing the truth, in accepting the false as the truth, and become perverted in all our thinking and doing. This is a dangerous condition of soul, for there is no peace for such in the Celestial City. Such are doomed to the same end as the father of all lies (Rev. 20: 10; 21: 8; 22: 15).

—Selected

II. Home Work

1. What is the sad condition of those who are false witnesses? (Jer. 9: 3; Mic. 6: 12; Rom. 3: 13).

2. What is God's stinging rebuke of those who hate the truth? (Ps. 101: 7; 5: 6).

3. Upon what assurance is our conviction of Truth settled and grounded? (Deu. 32: 4; Rom. 3: 4; Heb. 6: 18).

4. How was a liar told to proceed in order to obtain forgiveness under the Law? (Lev. 6: 1-7).

5. Who was the first liar? (Gen. 3: 4, 5; John 8: 44).

6. From what source does all evil thinking, as well as all other evil, arise? (Mat. 15: 19, 20; Jer. 17: 9).

7. What sins is it possible for the tongue to commit? (Col. 3: 8, 9; Eph. 4: 25; Jas. 3: 6).

8. Of what sin was the Prophet Isaiah convicted when he had a vision of the Lord? (Is. 6: 1, 5).

9. How does God regard lying lips? (Prov. 6: 16, 17; 12: 22).

10. Do lies of convenience ever bring a blessing? (Gen. 12: 12-20; 20: 2-18; 27: 19-46).

11. Have you read the notes in the **Advanced Quarterly** on Matthew 5: 33-37.

12. Study the comment in the **Senior Quarterly** on Why People Do Not Believe the Truth of Christ.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

1. **"Don't Always Tell All the Truth."**—This strange advice was given by a minister to his young people. They were it is told at all, it should be truthfully told, but Christian charity often dictates that we keep our information to ourselves and not be gossip-mongers. "If others sin, you need not mention it."

2. **A Loose Tongue.**—"When this pen flows too freely," was the instruction given with a fountain-pen, "it is a sign that it is nearly empty, and should be filled." The caution would seem also to apply to human beings. Gossip, slander, idle chatter, all testify to the emptiness of the mind, and are a damaging sign."—Forward.

3. **Was He Lying?**—A man of the Isle of Crete said: "All Cretians are liars." (Titus 1: 12.) He was a Cretian. Then he was a liar, and lying when he said that all Cretians were liars. Therefore, all Cretians were not liars. It is a little hard to figure out whether they were or were not liars. But we know some people who are so notoriously untruthful that we do not know when to believe what they say.

Something to Christianity

Two infidel neighbors lived among the hills of New England. One of them, hearing the Gospel, was converted. Soon after he went to his infidel neighbor's house and said, "I have been converted, and I have a duty to do to you. I have not slept much for two nights for thinking of it. I have four sheep in my flock that belong to you. I stole them from you. They are now in my field, with their increase, and I want to settle with you, or you may settle with me by the law if you will!" The infidel was amazed, and told his neighbor that he could keep the sheep but only please to go away. He trembled at the thought that something had got hold of his old friend which he did not understand. He repeated, "You may keep the sheep, if you will

only go away." "No," said the Christian, "I must settle this matter up, and cannot rest until I do. You must tell me how much I owe you." "Well," replied the other, "Pay me the worth of the sheep when they strayed into your pasture when you branded them as your own, and please go away and let me alone, for if you keep on acting as you now act, I'll believe there **is something to Christianity!"**

—Selected

HOW AN ACTRESS WAS SAVED

(Continued from page 5)

must be broken. She wrote him telling of the wonderful thing that God had done for her. He could not understand, nor could he enter sympathetically into her feelings. The result was a complete break between them, and although her heart was somewhat sore at first, she found that Christ Himself was able to satisfy.

Some years have gone by since the young actress was found of the Good Shepherd, but never once has she looked back to the world out of which she was delivered. Her heart has been set on things above, and she has found her joy and delight in seeking to live for the glory of God.

I have tried to tell the story of her conversion, hoping that the Lord may use it to speak to some other weary one who has followed the will-o'-th'-wisp of worldly pleasure, thinking thereby to find that which will satisfy a heart made for eternity. But be persuaded, dear unknown reader, whoever you may be, holding this bit of paper in your hand, that Christ alone can satisfy the need of the human soul. He who created you, He who gave you life and breath, He who has sustained you to the present moment, He who died to redeem you, longs to make you all His own and to give you a deep, lasting peace, which the world cannot give, and, thank God, it cannot take away if you once receive it.

—Selected

To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of contrite spirit. Isa. 66: 2.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4: 8.

Blessed are the sons of God;
They are bought with Jesus' blood;
They are ransomed from the grave,
Life eternal they shall have,
With them numbered may we be,
Now and through eternity.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5: 23, 24.

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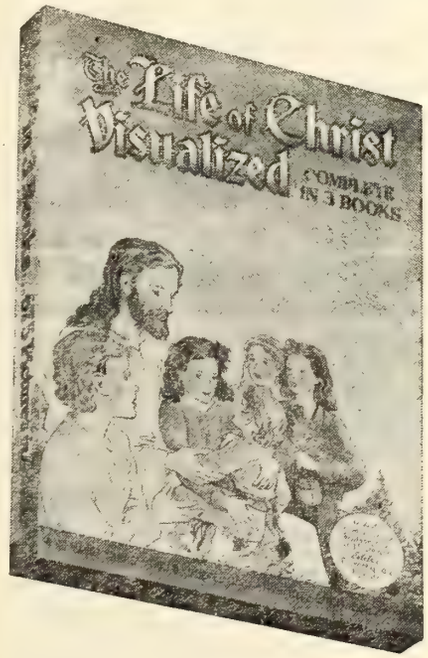

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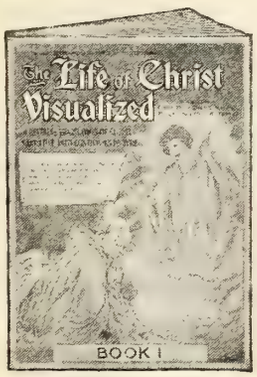

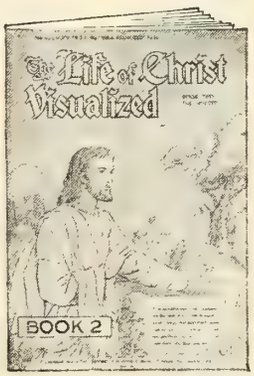

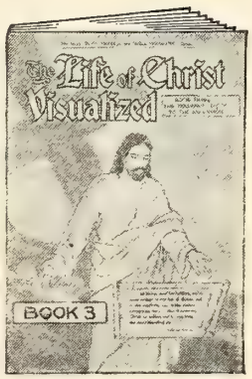

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Boys and Girls Corner

ESTHER, THE BRAVE YOUNG QUEEN

King Ahasuerus, of Babylon, was looking for a queen. All the young women of noble families had passed before him, but none of them pleased him. Then, one day, he saw a beautiful young woman named Esther. Although he did not know who her people were, he set the royal crown on her head and made her his queen.

The king did not know Esther was a Jewish girl and a cousin of Mordecai, who was a leader among the Jews in Babylon.

One day Queen Esther was seated at the palace window, when she saw Mordecai by the gate before the palace, with tears pouring down his cheeks. Esther was alarmed. She sent a servant to find out what had happened to her cousin.

Mordecai sent back word that Haman, a Babylonian prince, who hated him, had persuaded the king to have all the Jews in all the lands ruled by the king put to death on a certain day. He sent Esther a copy of the king's order to his captains, telling them on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month they were to fall upon and kill every Jew—men, women, and even little children—in the kingdom.

Mordecai begged Esther to go at once to the king and to beseech him to spare the lives of her people.

At first Esther was afraid. The king was very easily angered. There was a law at the palace that no one could enter the king's room unless the king sent for him. If any one entered without being summoned, the king's servants would rush upon him and slay him, unless the king should stretch forth his golden scepter and pardon him. For nearly a month the king had not permitted Esther to come into his throne-room. She felt sure that if she entered before he called for her he would let his servants kill her.

Then she thought of what her cousin had said to her: "Who knows but that God has made you queen so that you may save your people?"

She decided to risk her life and go to the king in an effort to break his close friendship with Haman and to save the Jews from slaughter.

While Mordecai and all the Jews in the city were praying for her, Esther, dressed in her royal robes, walked tremblingly into the throne-room where King Ahasuerus sat in kingly splendor.

When the king saw Esther, beautiful, graceful, her eyes pleading for his pardon, he was pleased with her. Quickly he held out his golden scepter toward her and bade her come near.

"What is thy request, Queen Esther? I promise to grant it to thee," said the king, kindly.

"O king, if it pleaseth thee, spare my life and that of my people, for an evil man has plotted against us."

"Who is he? Who has dared to plot against the queen and the queen's people?" cried the king in wrath.

Haman turned pale with fright. He had not known that Esther was a Jewess.

"There he sits," ansmered Esther. "It is even this wicked Haman."

The king ordered his servants to take Haman away and to slay him, and issued orders that the Jews should be warned of the danger.

So the brave Queen Esther, who trusted in God and risked her own life, saved all her people.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth. John 14: 16, 17.

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
With energy divine;
And on my poor benighted soul
With beams of mercy shine.

Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5: 16.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The sad news of the death of our beloved brother, D. C. Dillon of Belhaven, N. C., has been formally brought to the attention of this (his) Albemarle Union, in executive session with the Sound Side Church in Tyrrell County, October 30, 1943.

This Union in tribute to his meritorious service to this Union, in consideration of his loyalty to his church program and in recognition of his Christian influence in general, wishes to submit the following resolutions:

First: That we bow humbly to His will in calling the spirit of our beloved brother to live with Him.

Second: That we extend to his wife and family our sympathy during their hours of sorrow assuring them of God's presence to comfort and console when they trust Him.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife, one placed on the minutes and one sent to the Baptist for publication.

Mrs. William Griffin,
Mrs. Alonza Reynolds,
Mrs. Glenn Ferebee,
Memorial Committee.

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Barrow. On August 29, 1943, just after the sun went down and darkness came upon the earth, God saw fit to call Brother Jessie Barrow home to rest, from this world's cares and sicknesses. He was sick about ten days. All was done for him that wife, children, the doctors, nurses, friends and loved ones, could do. But God said your work on earth is done, come up to Heaven and enjoy the place I have prepared for you. He was seventy-two years old. Many persons have entered his home depressed and discouraged, and would go away feeling encouraged and strengthened through his kindness, and help. He was a life-long Free Will Baptist. His membership was at Union Chapel, Beaufort County, for many years. He served as a ruling Elder and Deacon. Later in life he moved to Craven County and when Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church was built, he went there as a charter member, and his seat was never vacant when he was able to attend. He loved his church and loved to worship in it, but he loved his saviour more. He was always found at his union meeting and conference to help to carry on his church work. He continued in the love that Paul tells us

about, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, be helpful to the widows, and the fatherless children." He was always giving the things God blessed him with on this earth to others.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart,
'Tis hard to speak the word
We must forever part.

The golden gate was open wide
A gentle voice said come,
An angel from the other side
Welcomed our loved one home.

He was twice married, his first wife was E. L. Jarrel. She died August 7, 1901. Three children were born to them, one preceded his father to the grave many years ago. Later he married Molcie Lewis. Six children were born to this union. Two have gone on to welcome papa home. He leaves to mourn, a wife, six children, nineteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three brothers, several nephews, and neices, and a host of friends and loved ones.

His funeral service was conducted at the home by Rev. R .C. Kennedy and Rev. Duffy Toler, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and loved ones. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery, beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. Weep not loved ones as one with no hope, but let us rejoice with Bro. Jessie in his new Eternal Home.

Written by his sister,
Dorcas E. Barrow.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNION REPORT

The Union meeting of the South Carolina Conference convened with High Hill Church on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1943, with every church representing, and every minister present except four, and one of them, Rev. Rufus Hyman, is serving churches in Florida.

The churches in our union district are taking on new life, or at least they are manifesting more interest in the work, educationally, spiritually and otherwise. It seems that we are beginning to realize that God demands a part of our mind and our increase as well as our spiritual worship. We have increased our donations to the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, and to Foreign Missions, from thirty to forty dollars, and still have nearly three hundred dollars in the treasury.

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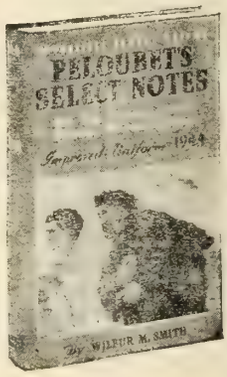

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  And the bright days make you glad.
But when you weave the cloth of life
  You must use warp and woof,
And the good days and the bad days make
  Your fabric weatherproof.

The fair days are the long strands
  That the shuttle carries through,
And the drab days are the cross weave
  That keeps the fabric true.
The weaver knows his pattern
  As he works upon life's loom,
When he threads the golden warp of hope
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OUR YOUTH IN TODAY'S WORLD

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
President Albemarle League Union

In today's world youth holds a place of great significance. Such a day as this demands the strength and courage, the dash and daring of youth. The adventure, the service and sacrifice found in the spirit of youth are all praiseworthy qualities. To the young this is a day of many responsibilities and opportunities, as well as a day frought with difficulties and dangers. But it is offering to youth many calls and challenges to Christian service and heroic dying.

The flower of youth in today's world is being sacrificed on the battle fields of the most barbarous war that mankind has ever known. We know this all too well, for we read of it every day in our newspapers. We hear it over the news broadcasts on the radios, and we know of it in our churches when the service flags hang as a constant reminder of those who have gone from the sanctuary to the battle fields.

We know it in our homes when empty chairs speak all too eloquently of young lives offered in sacrificial services for their country. We know it in our hearts which ache constantly because of the realization that the young people dear to us are in places of danger. We will know it more and more as the casualty lists become larger and larger.

The sacrifices that our young people are making are proof of their bravery, their heroism, their manhood, and womanhood and loyalty. The older people complain about taxes, and some strike for higher wages, and some are profiteers on war materials, and others play politics for selfish gains, while the young forgetful of personal safety fly in the air in their fortresses, sail the high seas endangered by lurking submarines, ride their tanks into showers of falling bombs, and march bravely into the mouths of destroying machine guns.

Let us pray for them and be willing to help them in any possible way that we can. While we are doing this, let us not forget the young people we still have with us. The babes in our arms, the little ones who toddle around our homes are to receive our best care and attention. Those boys and girls who sometimes make too much noise in the church corridors, and those who are such problems to their parents and leaders must be cared for and guided aright, for they are still with us and need our care.

Remember, tomorrow they may be gone, perhaps to fight on other battle fields of life, and to make their contribution either to help or to hinder the progress of the world. But today they are ours, yes, ours to train, ours to influence, ours to prepare for the supreme task of building a better Christian world in which people may live in peace and happiness. The Christian world of tomorrow must be built by the young people of today, and the F. W. B. League is one agency of the church to train Christian young people for Christian service.

EDITORIAL

REFUGE—

Man's enduring protection lies only in God. He is helpless, so far as his own strength is concerned, to save himself from world catastrophes. Human society can protect only the physical—the material entities of life—and that for only a period of time. Friends may shelter one from the devastating storms of life for only a season. Loved ones can only assist and console one in the hours of gravest difficulties and deepest sorrows for a season. Their help is limited. Money or great wealth cannot furnish enduring refuge to the heart of man. Nor can man's own will power, physical strength or dauntless courage suffice but for a season. He is helpless. He is a creature, though endowed with faculties superior to those of all other beings of earth, dependent upon God, his Creator, for that enduring refuge which shall never fail. An unknown writer has said:

"In the darkest dispensations
Doth my faithful Lord appear,
With His richest consolations,
To reanimate and cheer:
Sweet affliction, sweet affliction,
Thus to bring my Saviour
near."

Out of darkness and despair, God can deliver man, and bring him into the Haven of Rest. From his most tragic condition, He can lift him into the light of His own glory and peace. From a world of flaming destruction, bitter hatred and writhing agony of human hearts, God will bring peace, happiness and prosperity to mankind. That will be when humanity discover the folly of their way, admit the uselessness of their jealousies and hatreds, and surrender their wills unto the perfect will of God.

"God is our refuge and strength, very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46: 1). He will deliver us when we have been sufficiently chastised of our individual and national sins that we are glad to turn unto Him in simple faith and trust. He will then heal our wounds, bind up our broken hearts, and bring peace and prosperity to the torn and devastated lands. For our sins, He punishes us; for our stubbornness, He tries us; and for our yielding and pleading hearts, He has pity for us, and assures us that He is still the same merciful God, ready to forgive, bless and protect us.

Man's duty, then, is to turn to God now. He is to cease his strife and enmity against his fellow man. He is to accept the counsels of God, forsake the allurements of the evil One, and manifest the spirit of brotherly love and human kindness for all races of people everywhere. Yes, man is to build for peace through an implicit trust in his God, not wage destruction with implements of war, for the selfishness of his own heart, against any race, whether great or small, strong or weak. As the noblest handiwork of God, he is designed for peace, not war; human happiness, not to inflict antagonizing pain and bitter sorrows; a sacred being created to manifest peace and good-will unto the children of men in all lands of the earth.

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PRAYER TODAY—

Yes, there are those who do believe in prayer today more than ever in the course of their lives. It is generally felt in Christian lands that the present-world struggle has caused many to turn to God in prayer. More mothers are praying for their sons and daughters who have been called into the service of their country. They are beseeching God to care for them and to save them from the devastation and ravages of war. Many men in the various occupations in life are now turning to prayer, whereas before this destructive and horrible war they seldom ever thought of praying to God. Trouble has led them to feel the necessity of prayer. Many of the young men in the armed forces are turning to prayer. Some pray in the air for safety while they are flying to drop death bombs upon the targets of the enemy. Others are praying in the military camps before they are called out to rush into the battle front. Many are writing to friends and loved ones back at home, asking them to pray for them, to pray for the war to cease. Men under the seas in submarines are praying that God might spare them and give them victory over their enemy. The chaplains in the armed forces are praying with and for the men under their spiritual watchcare. They know the need of prayer. Sweethearts are praying that their loved ones may be spared of the cruelties, hardships and terrible death of this terrific struggle on land and sea and in the air. Yes, such have been brought to the realization of the fact that God only can intervene and answer prayer.

But there are those who have always prayed, because they love the Lord, and seek to do his holy will, both in times of peace and plenty, as well as in days of war, devastation, sorrowing and hungering. They know the need of prayer when the days are bright and cheerful, as well as when the storms of life come and smite mankind with their terrible destruction. They always feel the need of talking to God in prayer day by day, and to ever trust Him as they journey on the pathway of life. Everyone should have this view of God and should seek to adore His great name, and ask for His many blessings. Prayer is appropriate at all times unto the heavenly Father, and human hearts can confide in His love, and rejoice in receiving His blessings because He will answer their prayers and heal their lands.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Dear Baptist Readers:

Will you please pray for my daughter who is very sick at her home.

Mrs. Amos Howard,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

Others Have Done It? Why Can't We?

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd

The words of Henry W. Longfellow, which he wrote, "Lives of great men all remind us," may and do carry a deeper meaning than we are prone to give to them. The deeds of such men as Washington, Lincoln, Wilson, remind us of political greatness and fidelity to native country. The feats of Napoleon, Grant, Lee, and Pershing remind us of great military victories that have shaped the destinies of nations and empires. And outstanding among them all are the lives, yea the deaths, of such great geniuses of the Cross such as Xavier, Lull, Carey, Judson, Livingstone, and countless numbers of others. When we review their lives of service, which were greatly magnified and enriched by a fully surrendered will and a burning, unremitting, driving zeal prompted by unbounded love for Christ and His Cause, we are forcibly reminded of our task as world-wide emisaries and our lack of courage, zeal, and love to pursue with all our might the job of evangelizing the world.

William Carey, who lived in the latter part of the 18th century and the early part of the 19th is known as "The Father of Modern Missions." He was born of poor parents in the village of Northamptonshire, England. When yet a small boy he showed a great interest in learning. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a shoemaker. About this time he enjoyed a real experience with the Lord Jesus in conversion and joined the Baptist church. At the age of 18 he began to preach. Realizing the greatness of the task before him, he utilized every moment of spare time for study and in the course of time he mastered, by dogged perseverance, 5 languages.

Carey continued his work as a cobbler to supplement his meager earnings as a minister. A report of a great sermon by Jonathan Edwards in America and his request for prayers for world-wide evangelization stirred up a dormant chord in Carey's life. He placed a large map of the world in the shop before him and studied it diligently. The account of Capt. Cook's voyage impressed him greatly, and young Carey saw by the map and the account of the voyage enough to convince him that the church was falling far short of the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Carey got a chance to express his convictions in regards to his missionary convictions at a ministerial meeting. When he spoke in defense of the great Commission and the church's responsibility, he was told by the moderator, "Young man, sit down. When God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your help or mine." This inspired Carey to more zealous action than ever before. He wrote the notable pamphlet "An enquiry into the obligation of Christians to Use their Means for the Conversion of the Heathen." A few days later he preached his famous sermon from Isaiah 54: 2, 3, exhorting the congregation to "Attempt great things for God; expect great things of God." This sermon marked the awakening of the church to the need and soon a group of 12 ministers met at Kettering and organized the first Baptist Missionary Society. Carey offered himself as the first missionary.

When he was preparing to go his wife objected strenuously. Carey went ahead in the face of this and planned to sail. In company with a companion, Mr. Thomas, he boarded an English vessel and started to India. However, when the captain found that they were going as missionaries, he put them off the boat and sent them back to England. Undaunted by this, Carey continued to plan to sail and soon arrangements were made to book passage on a Danish vessel. By this time Mrs. Carey had consented to go, in fact was anxious to go. They sailed in June and five months after they landed at Calcutta.

They immediately set to work in the face of severe odds. The financial support which had been promised from back home failed to come. Their own meager funds soon dwindled away. Still undaunted, Carey secured a position in an indigo factory where he was soon promoted to a superintendency. His income was invested in furthering the Cause of Christ. While working he also held religious services in the villages and did itinerate work in nearby villages. His adaptness as a linguist won for him many advantages which he otherwise would not have realized. He worked early and late at translating the scriptures and in the end he had translated them into 35 languages and dialects. In addition to this he compiled and published many grammars and dictionaries, thus making it possible for someone to carry on better than he had. After 41 years of loving, self-sacrificing service, this great man of God entered into his well-earned rest June 1834, at the age of 73.

Through simple faith and much determination Carey won for the Lord. Can We?

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

God Wonderfully Blesses

Our God has wonderfully blessed the efforts put forth at Black Jack Free Will Baptist church this year. During the year there have been 40 additions to the church, 37 of whom were baptized, two reclamations and one came from another denomination. Praise the Lord for His wonderful GRACE.

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Some time ago we received a letter from Miss Alethia Etheridge, of Columbia, N. C., who is a student at the Bible College, in Nashville, Tenn., in which she gave her testimony of

"receiving wonderful spiritual blessings, and being highly pleased with the school." We wrote her asking for testimonies from some of the other students. This she did, so here they are:

"The spiritual benefit which we are deriving from the Free Will Baptist College could not be superceded anywhere else."—Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, Missouri.

"The Holy Spirit is our guide. Christ is our unseen Teacher. We learn daily of Him."—Rev. George Waggoner, Illinois.

"The Lord is here in the school with His wonderful omnipotent power, moulding the life of each student, as the potter does the clay, to His Own will and Purpose."—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, North Carolina.

"I'm glad I'm here and I'm thankful for the many blessings that I have received. Surely God is in our midst."—Margaret Chappell, North Carolina.

"I am enjoying the spiritual atmosphere of the College."—S. R. Kennedy, North Carolina.

"Hard work, study, Christian fellowship and Home."—L. D. Nance, Highland Park, Michigan.

"To be a student in the Free Will Baptist Bible College is one of God's greatest blessings to me."—Marie Thomas Hyatt, Missouri.

"I can truly say that God's presence overshadows every activity of our college."—Myron E. Hyatt, Missouri.

"I have enjoyed more spiritual blessings in the few weeks that I have been here than I had ever expected. God has truly blessed us." —Howard Lyle, Highland Park, Michigan.

"Thank God for this school! It is indeed a blessing as well as a great opportunity to be a member of the student body."—Aileen Bain, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

"I am indeed grateful for the opportunity of attending our Bible College." — Huey Gower, Nashville, Tennessee.

"The blessings of the Lord in our Free Will Baptist Bible College are beyond words, especially in my own experiences."—Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

"It is indeed a blessing to be able to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College because of the inspiration and splendid fellowship we have."—Allen Gower, Nashville, Tennessee.

"More faith in my Saviour, more joy in His service has been one of my accomplishments here."—Truly Gunter, Greenville, Tennessee.

"I am truly grateful for the many blessings I have received here at this college. It is the most wonderful school I have ever attended."—Mabelene Leary, Durham, N. C.

"The Free Will Baptist Bible College has made me appreciate my Bible more than ever."—Rev. Albert Halbrook, Missouri.

"The Free Will Baptist Bible College has drawn me closer to the Lord, and broadened my vision of service." —Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Missouri.

"The Free Will Baptist Bible College has been a great help to me, I feel that it will strengthen us for service in the Lord."—Rev. Kenneth Turner, Missouri.

"The Holy Spirit's presence can be felt very strongly here at our College."—Rev. Daniel Cronk, Hazel Park, Michigan.

"I have felt nearer to God since I have been here than ever before in my life. I know it was God's plan for me to come. It is one of the greatest blessings that I have ever received."—Alethia Etheridge, Columbia, North Carolina.

The editor of Notes and Quotes has met several of the students whose testimonies appear above. And I can say that those whom I have met are among the finest young people I ever knew. We are proud of such young people. They are our future prospects for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. We are happy because of their testimonies. May God continue to bless both the student body and the faculty and the College in all of its activities.

It Is Passed Forever

Thanksgiving for the year of 1943 is passed forever. What about it? Did you give THANKS unto God our Father, or did you waste the day in frivolities? Did you attend worship at the house of God, or did you follow the fleshly desires? Let each of us take an inventory of our doings for that day. Perhaps it will make us more thoughtful should we live to see Thanksgiving, 1944.

Did YOU MAKE AN OFFERING TO AN ORPHANAGE ON THANKSGIVING DAY? I mean you Free Will Baptists. There are ORPHANAGES now, so we can say it in the plural. There is the ORPHANAGE in Greenville, Tenn., and the ORPHANAGE in the State of Alabama, and then the ORPHANAGE at Middlesex, North Carolina. These are all worthy of our very best support. What about that money that you threw away to satisfy the lust of the flesh on THANKSGIVING?

Stop Look Listen!

If you are an officer of any state or of the National Association or any Auxiliary, and your address in the directory, as published by either of our church papers, has been changed, why not send the correction to the editors of the papers. If you have been elected to a position as Treasurer or Chairman, or the head of any important Committee or Board, give the proper notice. And if you have lost your office and your name appears on these directories why not have it removed. A DIRECTORY that does not give proper information is worse than nothing.

A WORD OF THANKS

Friends of the North Carolina Mission Program, I wish to thank every one of you for your cooperation in this great cause of Christ while I was your secretary and treasurer. Reverend Bob Wiggs of Ayden, N. C., was elected to take my place. I am sure you will give him your best cooperation. I wish I could shake your hand and thank everyone of you in person, however, that is impossible now. My duties with the Army are very different from the civilian pastorate. I need your prayers, and if you have the time, I would appreciate a letter or a card from you.

God bless you all.

Chester H. Pelt,
Chaplain,
885th A-B Engr. Avn. Bn.
Westover Field, Mass.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

WE ARE HALF WAY TO THE GOAL

At the National Meeting in July, we voted to launch a five thousand dollar campaign for the purpose of establishing a Bible School and Mission Center in Cuba. We have already sent to our Supt., Rev. Willey, $2,500.00 of that amount. This was done within about three months and a half from the date it was voted at the National Association. And, too, this has been done extra and above the regular current expense which is around $500.00 per month. We have had to launch no special drive to do this. We merely announced the campaign was on and that has seemed to be sufficient. I wish to extend our deepest and sincere thanks to our people everywhere for your splendid cooperation in this. And now, as we are starting on the latter half, may we be no longer raising the latter $2,500.00 than we were the first. We are depending on you, and the way you have already responded increases our faith greatly that we shall soon reach our ultimate goal.

The spiritual flames are yet burning high in Cuba, as I am sure you can see by reading the reports in the papers. A farm of 18 acres has been bought a little way outside the city of Pinar Del Rio, and Bro Willey and our native workers are now erecting buildings sufficient for the school. Now remember, if you are a Free Will Baptist, this farm and property belongs to you as much as to any one else. It belongs to the National Association of Free Will Baptists of which you are a part. Have you helped pay for it? If not it is not too late yet to get in on it for they are going to continue to need funds with which to erect other needed buildings, purchase farm equipment, etc. Then, too, this School of Missions must be maintained, our teachers paid, etc. So you see there is a lot to do. How grateful we should be that the Lord has given us this open door of opportunity to spread the gospel of Him who died. I am happy to have a little part in it; aren't you? I would rather know I was helping to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ than any other one thing in the world. The time is short. Let us work hurriedly. As I have so often said, may we not retard the progress of the work by our lack of giving; but rather may we do our utmost to keep up with our Lord in this, and with our workers on the field.

No doubt many of you are wanting to know about Miss Barnard's getting out to India. Sorry to have to tell you that there has been another holdup in her going. The British Consul wrote her that, on account of new developments in the India theatre of war, she could not sail at present. So your guess would be as good as ours concerning her sailing. We can only hope for the future, and pray for her in the meantime. She is now busy teaching the Bible in the public schools at Glennville, Georgia, where she lives. We are endeavoring to open up a work in Purnea District of N. E. India, by using a native worker. One of Sister Barnard's former acquaintances, Rev. Alexander Banks, is acting as a "go between" for us; holding our funds and overseeing the work of the natives. It takes so long to receive a communication from India that we haven't any late news to give you. But we figure, if we can make a few contacts through this native worker until such time we can get our own workers across, it will be better than not doing any thing there at all.

In South India Rev. H. M. Clay is yet overseeing the work at Kotagiri, which was started by Sister Barnard. We are fearful for the distress which they may be in. We naturally wonder about famine conditions, etc.

Miss Bessie Yeley is yet in Cuba; having gone there last spring. She is becoming very much adjusted to the work, and is liking it better all along, we understand. We are very glad that Sister Yeley can be used on the field in Cuba.

Until yet, we have been unable to find anyone to go to Cuba for the purpose of teaching the children of Bro. and Sister Willey. This is a sore need, and it is too bad we can't have some one there to take charge of that work. Sister Willey is doing the best she can, but she needs some one to take that place so she can spend her time on the mission field. Please join us in earnest prayer that we may be able to find some one. Of course we want that one to be the one the Lord wants.

Again thanking you, and may we express again that we are looking to you and depending on you. Come right along and let's finish our $5,000 campaign.

Yours for the spreading of the gospel,

Winford Davis,
Chairman-Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the State Association of North Carolina met in Annual Session in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, November 18, 1943.

Song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, Rom W. Mallard, J. C. Griffin, L. B. Manning, M. L. Johnson, W. A. Jackson, L. H. Wetherington.

Visitors present: M. A. Woodard, R. C. Wiggs, T. E. Beaman, R. B. Spencer, Mrs. R. W. Mallard, J. A. Evans, Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Motion we accept the resignation of Rev. J. A. Evans on the Commit-

tee of Unified Ordination of Ministers and Rev. Bruce Barrow be placed on the Committee to fill the vacancy as Chairman of said Committee.

Motion a Committee be appointed to locate the next sitting of the Association and this Committee arrange a program for the 1944 session.

Committee for the above motion: R. N. Hinnant, Chairman; D. W. Alexander, R. C. Wiggs, W. A. Jackson, Rom W. Mallard.

Motion a Committee be appointed, one member from each Conference or Association in the State, to study and plan geographical boundary lines for each Conference or Association in North Carolina.

Committee for the above motion: L. H. Wetherington, Eastern Conference; T. E. Beaman, Cape Fear Conference; R. C. Wiggs, Western Association; R. B. Spencer, Central Conference; W. L. Jernigan, Pee Dee Association; Walter Carter, Rock Fish Association; J. J. Brooks, Beaver Creek Association; B. E. Guthrie, French Broad Association; W. W. Beam, Toe River Association; T. E. Woody, Jacks Creek Association.

Resolution: Since the North Carolina State Association has combined Foreign and Home Missions, and elected a board known as "Mission Board," with one Treasurer, and whereas, there are some misunderstandings as to the allocation of funds, Therefore be it resolved:

1. All undesignated funds be allocated 50-50, with one half going to Foreign Missions and the other half to remain in the treasury for State Home Missions.

2. That designated funds be handled according to the wishes of the donors.

3. That we urge that all our ministers and churches make special offerings in the months of March and April as per the Five-Point Program, and that all Mission offerings be sent to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Treasurer, Ayden, N. C.

Report of Field Secretary: Attending of Conferences $14.60. Trip to Ayden to get posters printed $3.90; Postage on posters and otherwise $4.50. Total $23.00.

The reason of deficit—Machine broken down. Have had only one show since the State Association. I sent to the Orphanage $99.09. I sent to the Unified program $99.09. I paid traveling expenses.

Gas and tire situation prevented me from making more. Had to turn down several invitations for this cause.

Respectfully,

J. C. Griffin.

Motion the Treasurer pay J. C. Griffin $4.33 for expense.

Motion the Treasurer pay J. C. Griffin $14.60 as expenses for attending Conferences and Associations in promoting the Unified Program of the National Association.

Motion that J. C. Griffin continue the Projector Program as he did the previous year but that each church visited must extend an official invitation, voted in conference.

Motion that Bro. Griffin's expenses for attending the remainder of the Associations and Conferences be paid from the funds allocated to the Unified Program at the regular sitting of the Association.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. L. B. Manning.

D. W. Alexander, Pres.

R. N. Hinnant, Sec.

A FULL-TIME CHURCH AT CAROLEEN

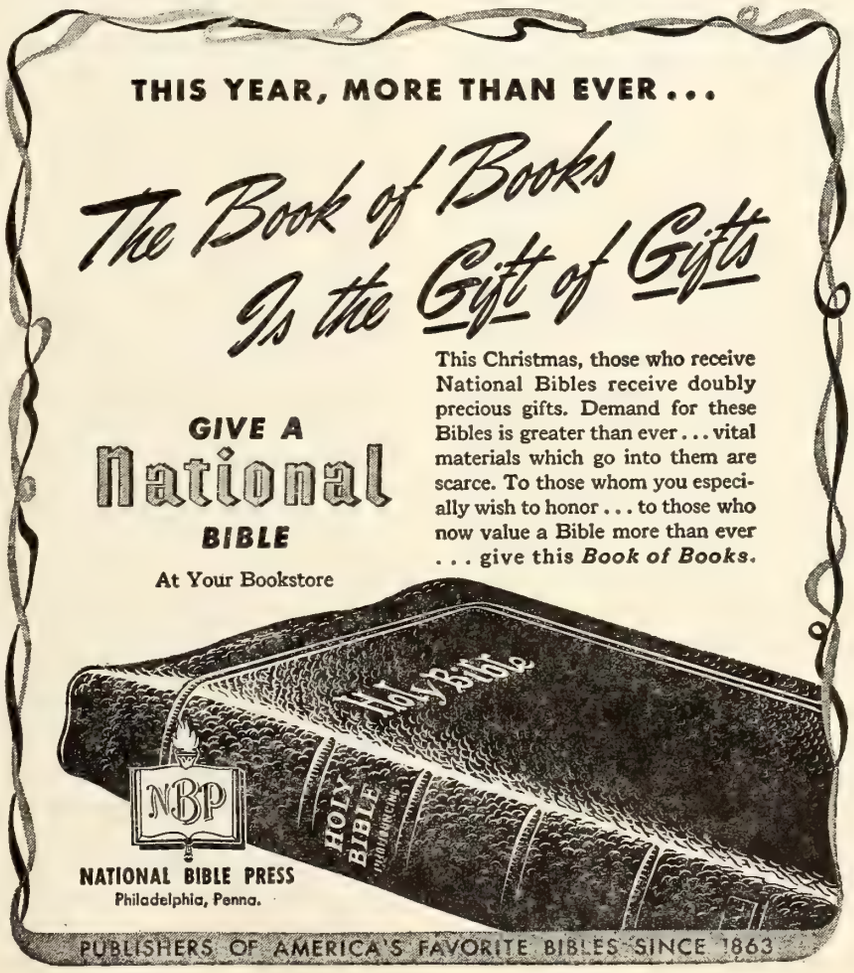
Dear Brethren:

This is to notify my many friends that I have accepted a new pastorate at Caroleen, North Carolina. It is full-time work. The church is in the Beaver Creek Association. Pray that God may greatly bless this work.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn

NOTICE

I have moved from Red Bay, Alabama, to Columbus, Mississippi, and my present address is: M. L. Hollis, 1105 Military St., Columbus, Miss.



The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

AN APPEAL FOR MISSIONS

To the Free Will Baptists of Georgia:

When God gives us some special blessing it always obligates us to give more to Him—to give of ourselves and then to give of our service and our substance. In expanding our mission fields, converting souls and organizing churches, as well as in opening many new doors to territories that plead for the Gospel, God has blessed us beyond any missionary movement we know.

In Cuba we have at least 50 stations where Gospel services are held regularly. We have six licensed Free Will Baptist preachers and one Bible woman, exclusive of our American missionaries there. Five churches are duly organized and now form an association that is a part of the Free Will Baptist Denomination in the United States. The total Free Will Baptist membership in Cuba approaches one hundred, while several hundred others await baptism. At the present moment about twenty Cuban young men and women, who have offered their lives as missionaries to their people, are enrolled as students of our new Bible training school which is about to open there. "What God hath wrought," indeed!

The missionary situation in India is most critical. From all sides of that dark country come tales of famine and suffering. War conditions enroaching upon those millions of people have caused living expenses to increase 190 per cent. The people can scarcely get rice to eat in many places, and many cannot get it at all. Abounding with illiteracy and diverse religious laws governing eating, India can carry out no effective rationing program, and the food shortage is therefore the more grave. Hundreds of missionaries have been recalled to the homelands or drafted into service, while hundreds of others on furlough have been detained at home. As never before the horror-stricken people, feeling the effects of war, famine and other pestilences, are pleading for help. Our Tamil school and regular mission work in Kotagiri pray for the return of a missionary. Purnea District in Bihar clamors, two and one-half million strong, for some one to help them. The outcast Kota Tribe still waits in heathen darkness to hear the message of light and hope again. In the Kotagiri bazaar district several hundred children stray around like animals with no parental care and no one to care for their souls. Now with famine upon them, they cannot find bread to steal from the bazaar stalls, and so they languish in physical and spiritual hunger. These are a few of the cries that come as a challenge to our Church at this time.

What are we asking you to do? PRAY for all our missionary work. Pray daily for the Willeys and Miss Yeley, our missionaries in Cuba, for those six Cuban preachers and the Bible woman who help in the work. Pray for the Cuban churches and the new converts, for the young people entering Bible School, and for all the detailed plans for that School—the erecting of suitable buildings, the acquiring of all necessary furnishings, and the planning of courses in the School. Pray for the Willey children who are with the parents and need an American teacher. Then pray for the Kotagiri Mission, including school and all the Mission's outreach, and for the small group of Christians facing severe trials in their stand for Christ. Pray for the teachers, one of whom is a young woman converted as a small girl in the early days of our Mission. Pray for the old gentleman who supervises in Miss Barnard's absence. Now 80 years old he finds this big responsibility taxing, since he has to walk 5 miles over steep mountains to reach the Mission. Pray that God will revoke the repeated decisions of authorities and permit our missionary to return to India with new recruits. Prayer is the first essential in our undertaking for world-wide witness.

But to GIVE is also necessary. For the new Cuban Bible School our National Association voted to appropriate $5,000 this year. This is in addition to our regular monthly budget of several hundred dollars for the Cuban work. In spite of our inability to get missionaries to India at the moment, we are attempting to expand the work there. The 80 year old gentleman in South India has gladly given his services without thought of pay. But it is now necessary to find a responsible Indian Christian from some Christian community elsewhere and place him in charge of this work. We shall have to pay him a salary, for the Christian congregation is small and affected by famine, making it more than ever impossible for them to support a worker. In Purnea District we are arranging for the services of two splendid Indian evangelists whom we hope to station in the northern part of the district to preach and teach Christ. Besides all this, since we believe God answers prayer, we feel Miss Barnard may still be permitted to return at any time. It will take towards $1,000 under current war rates to get her to India. We must be ready to meet this need. Although our present missionary task is a GIANT one, we are well able to accomplish it.

Our National Board of Foreign Missions asks us to raise $400 in Georgia. This is a small amount to us, and we desire to send it in at once, so that the remainder of the year may be devoted to freewill offerings over and above the amount we have pledged. We have about eight associations in our State. $50 from each would complete the $400. But there are some weaker associations that might fall under the mark, and so the stronger ones will wish to send a much larger amount to offset such. We are asking each church to hold some kind of special missionary service, either giving a missionary pageant, having a missionary or a preacher give a message on our missionary work, or conduct any kind of meeting that will put the need of missions before the people and present a strong appeal for an offering.

Each church can in this way help its association reach the goal; and in many cases doubtless the individual church will be able to send a $50 offering. These offerings may be sent direct to Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Missouri.

"For giving is living," the angel said.
"Go, feed to the hungry sweet charity's bread."
"And shall I keep giving again and again?"
My selfish and querulous answer ran.
"Oh, NO!" said the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you!"

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Elvin C. Davidson,
Third Vice-President, Ga.
Woman's Auxiliary Con.

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REPORT ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts

I have given much thought on just what a report on "Social Justice" should contain. In looking over previous minutes of the Association, I found the reports to deal almost wholly with Temperance, which is indeed a great problem of "Social Justice," but to my mind this is only one among many, and I have felt impressed to remind you of a few of the others.

First, I will say in thinking of just what "Social Justice" is, I like to think of it as fairness or rectitude to society that mankind might live and associate in a way that will glorify our Creator and bring the most joy and happiness to each other.

We know as things stand today the injustice is much outstanding. It is needless to recall to your saddened hearts the injustices of war; innocent people being called to give their lives for that which they believe to be just cause, children made orphans, and the value of property destroyed. But as Christian people, let us continue much in prayer—not a selfish prayer of "God save my Boy" but "God save the World." Prayers of consecration of service are the kind which will heal our land. Man has made and improved the implements of war for ages, but never has one been made to equal or replace the power of prayer. When God's people pray and turn from their wicked ways, then He will surely hear and fulfill his many promises.

I believe that many authorities agree that one of the greatest Social Injustices we are facing today is the decline of the American Home which is the foundation of society. In most households, there is no longer a home in the true sense but a place where just a part or maybe all the family is sheltered and fed. As a result juvenile delinquency is said to be increasing at a rapid rate, with the prediction that crime will be raging after the war. The saddest thing in this world is far from being the death of those we love, although you may give up your only son on the battle front, there comes with this great sorrow a certain pride. Yet, when you face the heartaches of seeing one go to prison or the electric chair for some crime committed, then you face only shame and degredation, haunted by the memory of his childhood innocence and how you failed to write the words of God upon the "Door-posts" of your house. The Christian home must be re-established, or we are doomed for something more serious than war.

Another injustice which is felt by the world is the lost power of the church. A church without **Spiritual Power** is useless, and many of our churches are at a low ebb, because many members have failed to keep themselves filled with the spiritual power which God alone can supply.

Since, maybe, the central thought of this report should have been temperance, I will say that the evils of liquor are still abroad in our land and Christian people must never let up in the fight. I am thankful for the lesson which we have on Temperance each quarter, but sad because many church people do not practice total abstinence.

So much could be said about the problems which relate to Social Justice until it would not be possible to mention all much less to enter into a discussion of them. But Christian brothers and sisters, let us keep the faith, and let us be ever looking to him who is all wise and powerful. May we work diligently that we might see a greater plan of Social Justice working which will honor God and benefit man.

—Submitted by Central Texas Association Clerk, J. W. LaFevre.

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AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies of West Clinton Church met on Friday night, November 19, with ten members present and four visitors. The president, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, presided over the meeting.

There were 198 chapters read in the Bible; 63 sick visits made; 11 card sent to the sick; 21 trays taken to the sick 2 funeral designs given; and one bunch of flowers taken to the sick.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson, President,
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

A Message from the Third Vice-President

No doubt many of you are wondering about the response to the appeal for the Cuban School of Missions. **Four** states have responded as follows: Illinois, Missouri, Georgia and Texas. There may be others who have raised their quota recently or perhaps some who have failed to notify me. If so, you are automatically included in the list of "Those who have accomplished." Our missionaries write us that the need is very urgent. They plan to open the school in November, if at all possible, and our response to the need will decide as to the possibility. With the evident need in Cuba as it is, we cannot afford to wait longer for the school. We must have it. We need to train the workers to carry on the great work there. We must have trained personnel to promote the work.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS, AND MORE. AND I AM SURE THAT YOU WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED AND DONE YOUR PART FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE ARE GOING TO DO SO. If you have forgotten what

you were to do I will be glad to let you know. And if you have raised your allotment, would you please notify me so that I may mark the slate clean and plan for other activities. Thank you for your cooperation. Please DO YOUR BEST FOR THE LORD, AND THE LOST OF CUBA.

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd,
Third Vice-President,
3609 Richland Ave.,
Nashville 5, Tenn.

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GUM NECK AUXILIARY REPORT

Our society met at the church for its regular monthly meeting on November 16, with nine members present. The meeting opened with a hymn, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. J. Everton. It was taken from the Book of Psalms, Number 135.

We entered into the business session, the roll was called, the dues were paid in by each member, and it was moved and carried that we send a Thanksgiving gift to the Orphanage at Middlesex, which amounted to $22.61.

Finances

Dues collected	$6.00
For Superannuation	$3.85
For Foreign Missions	$3.85
Total	$12.70

Disbursements

Paid to the Orphanage	$22.61
To Home Missions	1.41
Cards for service men	0.42
Total paid out	$24.42

Activities

Sick visits	27
Chapters read in the Bible	75
Trays taken to the sick	5

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet again in December.

Mrs. L. T. Jones, President,
C. L. Parrisher, Secretary

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* Greenville, Tenn.

A LETTER FROM NORTH AFRICA

Dear Baptist Readers:

How is everything back in the States? Well, I am in North Africa now. The natives here surely do go for the American cigarettes. They scramble like dogs for one of them. You should see their dress, for they do not wear anything but rags.

I have seen many camels over here. I saw just recently a farmer plowing a camel and a horse yoked together.

Tell everybody hello, and to write to me. I would like very much to be at the Orphanage at Middlesex on Thanksgiving Day. I am quite sure it will be a big day with the children in the Home. I guess Elmer is still in Massachusetts. How were the crops there on the farm this year?

I will close now, and please answer soon. I thank God that I have a home called America.

Sincerely,

Carl Freeman

(Published by request.—Ed.)

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CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

25th Week

Malachi's Chapel	$ 42.05
Malachi's Chapel S. S.	25.00
Malachi's Chapel Adult League	5.00
Malachi's Chapel Junior League	1.00
Malachi's Chapel Sunbeam Bible School	10.00
Malachi's Chapel Welcome Bible School	10.00
Malachi's Chapel L. A. S.	5.00
Malachi's Chapel Everready Bible Class	5.00
Gum Neck	47.82
Mt. Tabor	51.79
Rocky Mt. S. S.	13.30
Rocky Mt. Church	64.13
Total	$280.09

26th Week

Rains Cross Roads	$ 55.68
Dawson's Grove	62.00
Hickory Chapel (Jr. League II)	1.50
Hickory Chapel	69.46
St. Paul's (Eliz. City)	26.28
King's Cross Roads S. S.	5.00
King's Cross Roads L. A. S.	5.00
King's Cross Roads Church	101.10
Gum Neck	2.00
Total	$328.02

27th Week

Corinth	$ 42.28
Mt. Olive	41.81
Sound Side	162.34
Albemarle S. S. Convention	213.93
Greenville church	100.00
Total	$560.36

28th Week

Howell's Swamp	$ 80.10
Free Union	70.00
Hull Road	104.71
Harrell's Chapel	155.00
Total	$409.81

29th Week

Black Jack	$ 55.00
Rose Hill	41.27
Maury	35.00
Total	$131.27

(Miss) Faustina Shearon,
Manager

HELP US WIN THE RACE AGAINST TIME!

By December 31—
we must reach our COUPON QUOTA TO qualify for a generous cash BONUS.

By December 31—
We must Exceed our COUPON QUOTA to secure an additional cash BONUS.

We appeal to friends everywhere to donate their coupons from these popular products—used every day in most of the homes of your community.

Octagon Soap Products
Ballard's Obelisk Flour
Rumford Baking Powder
Luzianne Coffee and Tea
Health Club Baking Powder
Borden's Silver Cow Evap. Milk
Borden's Magnolia Sweetened Condensed Milk

Please Help Us Now
FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
Middlesex, North Carolina

CARD FOR SERVICE BOYS

A post card with five-stanza poem, "A Line to One in Line," printed on it. Colors: red, white and blue. Price, 20c per dozen, $1.00 per hundred, postpaid. Address, (Mrs.) Vida Munden Nixon, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.

THE WORK OF TODAY

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." (Jon. 9: 4).

Work means labor, the using or exercising the mind, or muscles. Most Christians act as if there were nothing to be done. There is much work that needs to be done today. Christ said, "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." Some Christians are physically lazy, they don't even love their family enough to work for them, and supply their needs. Others are mentally lazy, they don't want to take time to prepare themselves for the work Christ has commanded us to carry on. Some ministers today seem to think that it is not necessary to study, but the Bible teaches us that we are to study "to show ourselves approved, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The text suggests the dignity of labor.

Jesus the monarch from heaven became a servant. He realized the importance of work. There was a work for him to do, and there is a work for us to do today. Honor is not in what a man does, but in how he does it. It is a great privilege that we have, as Christians today, to work for Christ. God never blesses a lazy Christian, but his blessings are upon the person who is willing to work.

The text implies the necessity of work. Labor is a law of life. Even in the garden of Eden, there was work, it had to be cared for. The Christian life is not a pullman train, where all sleep, but like a slow freight, with no passengers except a crew of workers. Captain John Smith allowed no one to eat who would not work. Even the birds work for a living, the squirrel carries nuts and stores them away for winter, so we too must work.

The text suggests the kind of work Jesus was called to do. Jesus came not on a mission of his own, but to do the work of him that sent him. So a Christian today is not his own, he has been bought with a price. We are here to carry on the work that He has left in our hands. We are to spend our lives in helping others, and trying to win them for Christ.

The text mentions the time to work. While it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. So, if we are to do anything for Christ, we must do it now. The life and ministry of Jesus was very short. He had no time to lose. So is the life of every Christian, our life is short, we have no time to play. The fields are ripe with harvest, the laborers are few. Those who realize this fact are finding plenty of work to do. Unless we as Christians today, help reap the harvest, some of it will be lost. We are responsible for those about us. It is a challenge to us as people of God today, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to sit idly by and see the souls of men and women die and go to a devil's hell, or are we going to work and win them to Christ.

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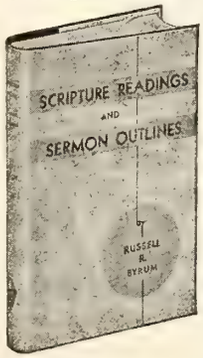

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CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

(Lesson for December 12)

Lesson: Mk: 12: 28-34; John 13: 24, 35; 15: 10-14.

Golden Text Illuminated

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13: 34).

It has often been argued by infidels that Jesus gave the world no new idea of religion, of ethics, or of conduct; but that every teaching of Christ was copied from some older form, and plagiarized from some ancient teacher or philosopher. Indeed, in the famed **Golden Bough** Frazer seeks to establish this premise for all of our holy faith, thus attempting to weaken and emasculate Christianity. Of course it is an easy matter for one equally learned in the teachings of Jesus and the ancient philosophers to refute this falsehood, and one could easily compile a list of fully half a hundred original ideas and revelations that our Lord gave to His followers; and certainly the Golden Text for to-day would be well up toward the top of any such list.

In fact, Jesus begins this text with the exact words, "A **new** commandment I give unto you." Many of the predecessors of Jesus had pleaded for justice in their dealings with their fellow men, and not a few had asked for charity and kindness in human relations. But Jesus was the first world Leader to say, "**Love** one another!" Before His day a man might love his own family and kin, but there the idea ended. In fact, even in the family circle it was often the practice for the head of the house to look upon all his family as mere chattels, and fathers had the legal right to sell their own children if they so desired to reap profit from their own flesh and blood. A man owned his wife as he owned a horse or an ox, and in some cases valued her even less than he did a good domestic animal.

Jesus changed all that! Wherever His Gospel has gone and His words are believed, womanhood has become dignified, and childhood has been exalted and set free, and love has blossomed to lighten the once-harsh and darkened existence of all who benefit by His teachings. And one of the most amazing of these many new ideas is this: **All** His followers are **commanded** to love one another! That is confessedly hard to do, for many of the folks who name Christ's Name are most unlovely and unlovable indeed! Differences of race and color, divergent national interests, languages, customs, and practices all constitute barriers that are difficult to surmount, and so Jesus qualified the commandment with the words: "As I have loved you."

Ponder that thought. **When** did Jesus love us? Why, when we were sinners, vile, filthy, lecherous, unclean, sodden with guilt, and repulsive in the eyes of God! The only love that can encompass the unlovely is a **Divine** love, and Christ loved us when we were yet sinners, because He was God and could love that way. If we, then, are His, and His life and nature are in us by virtue of our own union with Him, we too can love the unlovable. Our love also can be a Divine love, in that it does not spring from human emotional sources, but comes from the Spirit of God which is in us.

So the words, "As I have loved you," suggest the key to success in obeying this new and strange order, and also bounds the horizon and defines the extent of that love we are enjoined to exercise and display.

It was a **sacrificial** love with which He loved us, and so it must be with the love we display. Many noble and gallant missionaries can testify to the possibility of men showing this same love to others. Impelled by a Christlike love, they have gone out at great sacrifice to bind up the broken-hearted and cleanse the festering wounds that sin has left in many heathen tribes and nations; and because they did love as Jesus loved, they too have left home and honor, a father's house and position of power, to make God known to men.

It was an **unlimited** love that Jesus showed to men, in that it cost Him His very life! One of the greatest sentences in the New Testament is the statement made of Jesus: "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." Such a love takes no thought of self, nor ever stops to reckon the cost; it just pours itself out to death, if need be, to accomplish its purpose.

It was obedience to this new commandment that made Paul resign a political position of power and fame, cast aside a fortune, and finally die a felon's death—all to the end that he might preach Christ to us Gentiles.

It was obedience to this command that sent Peter to a lingering death, thus sealing his testimony as many other martyrs also did, and by the very fact of dying caused sober men to turn to the **Lord.**

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What is one of the first evidences of regeneration? (I Jn. 3: 14).
2. How long has God loved us? (Jer. 31: 3; I Jn. 4: 19).
3. How much has God loved us? (John 3: 16; I Jn. 3: 16).
4. What is the relation between our love to God and our love to our fellow believers? (I John 3: 16, 17; 4: 20).
5. What was the new commandment which Jesus gave to His disciples? (John 13: 34; 15: 12). Is that still in force?
6. What commandments are we as Christians supposed to keep? (I Jn. 3: 22, 23).
7. Why is Christ's new commandment better than all the Law and the Prophets? (Rom. 13: 8-10).
8. Who should be included in real Christian love? (Mat. 22: 37-39; John 13: 34; Mat. 5: 44).

9. What are the limits of real spiritual love? (Mat. 5: 43, 44; I Cor. 13: 1-8).

10. What was the response of the rich young ruler to the test on the second greatest commandment? (Mat. 19: 22).

11. We urge each one to study prayerfully the fine lesson material in our quarterlies. People of other denominations esteem them highly, and for good reasons.

12. The increase in gifts for missions, orphanages, Christian education, and general church work prove that we, as a denomination, are becoming more interested in obeying Christ's New Commandment. But are we all doing all we can?

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Any church in North Carolina desiring the 1944 Session of the State Association of North Carolina will please notify the Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, North Carolina. Please do this at an early date, if possible, for the Executive Committee of the State Association is very desirous of knowing who will invite the next session to convene with it.

Remember, there will be only two days for the next session, if all business can be transacted during that time.

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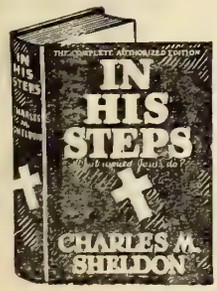

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As ever, your friend and Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Frances L. Oliver,
Adams, Tennessee,
Route 2

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brethren:

We wish to offer thanks to the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the Carteret Union meeting for their donations. My physical condition has not improved since my last report. I wish to solicit the prayers of any who may read this note of thanks.

If it may be the Father's will, I desire to be able to visit the church, and be with the brethren and sisters once more. I desire to thank you in advance for your prayers and sympathy.

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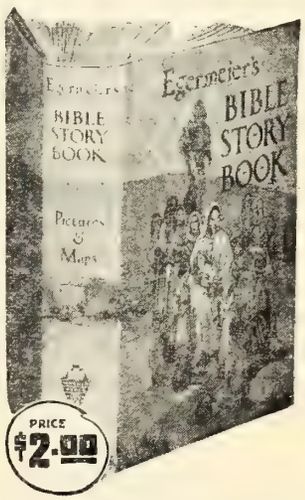

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NEWS AND VIEWS

By L. Everett Ballard

It has been some time since these sketches appeared in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. However, it has never been the intention of the writer to claim space regularly. What would happen to the paper if all of us decided to be weekly columnists?

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So far our stay in the Albemarle district has been very enjoyable. We find the people of this district enthusiastic and willing to work. The churches are all making progress, and most all of them support the whole program of the denomination. They are especially liberal in support of the orphanage work. The last Union Meeting was one of the finest meetings we have ever attended.

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The writer is no prophet, but we venture to predict a great future for the South Norfolk (Va.) Church. We have had the privilege of witnessing the beginning of a number of churches, and we have never known a more promising beginning. The people are ambitious, and willing to sacrifice, and we are expecting splendid results. The church has started off as a full time proposition, and their collections for the first two months indicate that they are going to make a go of it. In Brother Harden the congregation has a pastor who has the qualifications of real leadership, and gives evidence of true sincerity. No member of the South Norfolk Church is more ready to serve and to sacrifice than is their pastor. God speed them!

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The following extracts from a letter recently received from our boy (Beverly), who is a student at Toccoa Falls Institute and Bible College (Georgia) we hope will interest some of our friends: "We are having a fine Christian spirit in the school here this year. Last week we started regular evening devotional meetings in my room for the boys of the dormitory in which I live. The first night we had three, the second night four, the third night six, and the fourth night the room was filled. At a service last Saturday night I felt a definite call to the ministry." We earnestly solicit the prayers of our friends everywhere for Beberly. If any of the young people, or others, would like to write Beverly, address as follows: Beverly Ballard, Box 13, Toccoa Falls, Ga.

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The following plan for keeping the church beautified with flowers has been adopted by the Elizabeth City Church, and might also work well elsewhere: The church has a standing contract with a local flower shop to place flowers in the baskets each Saturday afternoon at a stated price per week. Then the privilege is offered to members of the church to have the flowers dedicated to the memory of, or in honor of, individual friends of departed loved ones. A committee schedules the Sundays for the dedications, and collects from each sponsor the cost of flowers for that week. An appropriate dedication card is displayed in the church each Sunday. On Monday the flower committee takes the flowers to some sick home, or to the hospital, where they are always appreciated. The plan is working nicely here, and Mrs. Ballard, who is Chairman of the Flower Committee, will be glad to give more detailed advice to any church (or Auxiliary) wanting to try it. Address P. O. Box 136, Elizabeth City, N. C.

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The above address goes for the writer of these notes also!

TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

My Dear Fellow Christians:

As pastor of the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, and chairman of the Building Fund Committee, I feel that I must come to you with our problem and ask you as fellow workers and children of God to help us.

We have launched our building program, and being a new congregation, we must have your help if we are to succeed.

We as you know, were organized October 8th, 1943. We now have 44 members of the Church and 60 members of the Sunday School.

We are meeting in the W. O. W. Hall in South Norfolk. We have a fine start but it is now apparent that we cannot reach the people nor create the desired interest in the community as long as we are meeting in a hall and that on the 2nd floor. In fact, old people are not able to climb the long flight of steps.

The only thing that we can do, as there is no desirable place available, is to build. Therefore, we have launched our drive to raise funds to buy lots and build a chapel. We are going to do all that is in our power to raise every dollar we can in our own congregation, and ask you to help us accomplish what we cannot do ourselves.

We believe that every child of God and every church will want to help us in this much needed cause. We therefore ask that every individual, and every church, if it is at all possible, to send us a contribution that we may have a church in which to worship God. It matters not how small the Gift, it will go a long way in helping to build a church. So, friends, please don't fail us.

Our drive for funds will close on December 15, so please remember us as Christ gave all, will you give something to His cause.

The names of every individual and church that sends any contribution will appear in the church paper as soon after December 15, as we can make our reports. Also, a report of the total amount received in this drive will be published.

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H. Edgar Harden,
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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Greetings to South Carolina F. W. B.:

Two months have passed since our first session of the State Association, and I would like to send this word of greetings to our people throughout the State. Our first meeting having been a very successful one, we are already looking to the future with high ambitions and fond expectations. With the churches of the State united and working under one both South and North Carolina, and most of the South Carolina churches have been co-operating with the program of the North Carolina State Association, and we want to congratulate them for this co-operation. Some of them have adopted a child at the Middlesex Orphanage, and certainly they should carry out their obligations in this respect.

It is the purpose of the South Carolina State Association to build up and not to tear down. Where you belong to an association that embraces churches in another state, such as the "Beaver Creek," or the "Rock Fish," we do not purpose to disrupt your present arrangements, but we are only asking that those churches located in South Carolina represent at our State Association.

We are hoping to have a good representation at our next meeting. If you would like to have a copy of the Minutes of our First Session, write to Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C. Again, let me say, we are counting on the Free Will Baptists throughout the State for co-operation in this undertaking.

Yours for a State Association,
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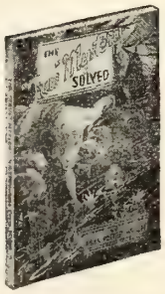

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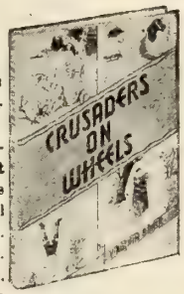

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Miss Lou Godwin,
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ROCK FISH UNION REPORT

The Rock Fish Union meeting convened with the McCall Free Will Baptist Church at McCall, South Carolina, October 30, 1943. The union opened with song services, and Rev. Steve English had charge of the devotions. The Scripture lesson was taken from the fifteenth chapter of John. Rev. M. L. Baxley was elect-

ed moderator at this session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. An Orphanage Committee, consisting of Rev. W. H. Ivey, Brother Duncan Budd, Rev. Howard English, was appointed. The Sabbath School Committee was composed of Rev. A. J. Pearson, Brother J. A. Patterson. The Missions Committee consisted of Brother Hodges, Rev. W. D. Taylor, Rev. Henry Sellers. The Devotional Committee for the next union consisted of Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Carver and Brother Malcolm Edge.

The following ministers were present: J. C. Rogers, Steve English, Henry Sellers, George Hart, N. H. English, C. B. Hopkins, W. D. Taylor, W. H. Ivey, A. J. Pearson, J. F. Roberts, Daisy Roberts. A letter was accepted from Rev. W. N. Mills, who was sick. Rev. J. F. Roberts and his wife, Rev. Daisy Roberts, were accepted in this union meeting, as ministers of the gospel.

Rev. Steve English brought an eleven o'clock message, after which we were adjourned for lunch. At one o'clock we re-assembled for business. A song was sung by the congregation, and Rev. N. H. English had charge of the devotional services. Nine churches were represented by letters. A report was made of the ministers, and it was urged that everyone possible to take the Baptist paper. A motion was made and carried that Rev. O. M. Hilbourn be granted a letter from this union meeting to Beaver Creek Union meeting.

The Devotional Committee for the next union reported as follows: Rev. M. L. Baxley is to deliver the message on Friday night at 7:30 p. m., and Rev. W. H. Ivey is to bring the message on Saturday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. Henry Sellers is to preach on Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. Rev. N. H. English is to preach on Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour.

The Sabbath School Committee reported that all churches are to use the Free Will Baptist literature. It was reported on missions that each one give more for missions in the future. A report on the Orphanage was that the new churches take a birthday offering each Sunday, and the old churches are to take an offering once each month for the Orphanage. At this time an offering was taken for the new church at McCall, South Carolina, and the amount was $7.80. The union gave out of its funds $2.20, which made the total of ten dollars.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their kind hospitality shown this union meeting. It was then moved and carried that we adjourn until the next time in course, which will convene with St. Paul's Church, North Carolina.

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What if we oft are weary now,
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O, cast thy every care on Him,
  Thou weary burdened one,,
And raise to Heaven the trusting prayer,
  Thy will, not mine, be done.

So, when the toil and care shall cease,
  With Jesus thou'lt be blest:
When, folded in His loving arms,
  The weary are at rest.

—Anonymous

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SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Edited by Rev L. E. Ballard

ALBEMARLE S. S. CONVENTION

Minutes of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention which was held with Sound Side fifth Sunday in October, 1943.

Morning Session

Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. A. Hales.

Ministers were recognized, and those present were: Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. T. F. Davenport, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. R. C. Alexander and Rev. H. E. Harden.

Minutes of last convention were read and approved.

The Sunday School of South Norfolk was presented by delegates present for membership with the Albemarle conventional district, and they were received in a very courteous manner.

The list of Schools was called and those representing were as follows:

	Contributions	
	Orph.	Conv.
Gumneck	$ 14.09	$ 2.00
Elizabeth City	15.82	1.00
Free Union	18.00	1.00
Malachi's Chapel	29.64	1.00
Sound Side	10.00	.50
Mt. Tabor	16.00	1.04
Hickory Chapel	8.13	2.00
Piny Grove	3.00	.50
South Norfolk	2.50	.50
Union Chapel	3.00	.50
Corinth	4.00	1.00
Trinity	4.50	.50
Shilo	4.50	.50
Sidney	4.50	.50
Total	$142.68	$12.54

All Sunday Schools in the district reported except three.

A bill was presented to the convention in the amount of $4.25 for report blanks. There was a motion made and carried that the bill be paid.

Special music was arranged by Mrs. Julian Swain.

Rev. L. E. Ballard brought the 11 o'clock message. His subject was: "Religious Education through the S. S." After the sermon there was a public offering taken for the orphanage which amounted to $71.25, making a total today for the orphanage of $213.93.

Afternoon Session

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Marie Griffin.

The convention gave time for the orphanage to give their program, this being their annual visit to the church.

The convention extended to the church and community a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way in which they cooperated during the sitting of the convention.

D. H. Furlough, President,

Alonza L. Reynolds, Secretary

EDITORIAL

LITERATURE FOR THE NEW YEAR—

The Sunday School and League literature for the first quarter of the New Year is now ready for shipment. Several orders have already been received and packages are being mailed to those who have pleaced their orders for their supplies.

Since there is always a rush during the Christmas holiday season, and the mails are always heavy at the close of the year, we are requesting our customers to mail their orders to us right away so that we shall be able to get the packages to their destinations in ample time for use the first of January, 1944. We are now ready and prepared to give immediate attention to the orders as they come to us for packing and shipping before the Christmas holidays begin.

We especially request that each one who places orders with us for literature to be on the lookout for your packages of literature at the postoffice, and in case of any undue delay in receiving your packages, write us so that we may know you have not received your supplies of literature. In some instances in the past some packages have either been delayed in the mails or have been lost before arriving to their destination. This is the reason we are desirous for you to get your package as soon as it has arrived in your postoffice, or let us know before too late if you have not received it.

Orders for Christmas books should be mailed to us right away so that you can be sure to receive your gifts in time for your friends and loved ones before Christmas Day. Certainly, your children will appreciate a good Bible story book, your sons and daughters will thank you for a nice Bible or Testament as a Christmas gift, and a dear friend of yours will be glad to receive from you some fine religious book as a gift to read during the holidays. This is why we are reminding you to place your order now, if you have not already done so, so you may not forget the desired book or books for friend or loved ones until it shall be too late to place your order with us. We have a good collection of Testaments, Bible story books, religious fiction, essays, etc.

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REMEMBER THE WIDOWS AND THE ORPHANS—

In many of the states the Free Will Baptist churches are expected to raise liberal offerings during the month of December for orphan children and needy widows. In North Carolina, the Free Will Baptist State Association has designated, in its Five-Point Program, November and December as months specially set apart for the raising in all of its churches funds for the Orphanage at Middlesex. The month of December, especially, is to receive great attention for this specific purpose by all of the churches in order to raise quite a large sum of money for that Home at Middlesex.

In Alabama and in Tennessee the Free Will Baptist churches will be expected to do their part in raising funds for their own orphanages, as they have begun such work and are doing things in a fine way for these institutions. Certainly, each Free Will Baptist church throughout the entire connection should take a part during December in raising splendid sums of money for such a worthy work of the denomination. Their material gifts during the Christmas season will surely be appropriate and in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. Gifts made in this way will do much for the good of the orphan children, and for the help of poor and needy widows. Such gifts, made in the right spirit, will most assuredly be pleasing to Almighty God, for He always loves the cheerful giver. Accordingly, while we are giving good things to our friends and loved ones we are not to forget the widows and the orphans. No church, or minister, or any individual is the loser for the cheerful giving to such worthy causes, when done in the name of righteousness and with the love of God in the heart of those who give. God has promised to restore in a great way, and He will surely fulfill His promises, unto those who love Him and seek to do His holy will.

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THE SOUTH NORFOLK CHURCH NEEDS FUNDS—

The recently organized South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. H. Edgar Harden, Rev. W. A. Hales and others is making a fine start as a new church body. In order to be able to accommodate all who would like to attend services, and to take a part in the work of the church, it is already becoming very necessary that funds be raised for the purpose of purchasing a lot, and erecting a building as soon as possible.

The present place of meeting of the church is in the W. O. W. Hall, and on the second floor, which is inconvenient for old people to ascend and descent the long stairway to be present for the services. The hall already is found to be too small to accommodate the people who desire to attend the services. It is becoming very necessary, therefore, that some arrangements be made soon to build, if possible, a church building to take care of the future prospects of the church.

The Reverend H. Edgar Harden, who is pastor of the church, is sending out a call through the columns of the Baptist paper for help from the many churches in North Carolina. He is very desirous of the support of the North Carolina churches so that the South Norfolk Church shall be able in the very near future to take care of the growing desire to build a church of their own in which to worship. May every church and individual, who will freely do so, sent contributions to Brother Harden for this purpose. His address is: Rev. H. Edgar Harden, 2303 Springfield Avenue, Norfolk 6, Virginia. Or you may send your money to A. R. Toffton, Church Treasurer, 2305 Springfield Avenue, Norfolk 6, Va.

Are We Good Fishers?

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
Nashville, Tennessee

"His mother saith unto the servants, 'Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.'" Yes, it always pays to do what He saith, for we find that by the servants obeying His command to, "fill the water pots with water" they were blessed, with having plenty of 'the best wine" for the feast. And again we read, where Jesus was preaching, the people were pressing Him in their eagerness to hear His words of life. He saw two ships there in the lake, for the men were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. So Jesus entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And as He sat down he taught the people out of the ship. Now when He had left speaking, He saith unto Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net."

Yes, let us notice dear ones, that although Simon had been working all night, yet had caught nothing. But Peter was still willing to try what the Master said, and it was well that he did, for we read in verse six, "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake." Yes, when he took the Lord's way, they caught a great drought of fishes. Now, let us remember that the Lord told Peter to "Launch out in the deep." Peter took the Lord's way and went at His bidding, then something happened. He couldn't handle all the fish and had to call for help. It was then that Peter made the confession, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." He was astonished, and all that were with him, at the drought of the fishes which they had taken. And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." So, it is with us preachers today—we are trying to "catch" in our own way. We need to confess that we are toiling and catching nothing. We need to quit playing with religion and confess our faults one to another, and pray one for another with unity in our heart; then fish on the right side and do as He said in Matt. 28: 19, which reads, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Please notice that Peter said, "We have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

So, today, there are many—yes, many well meaning people—who have toiled a life time and have been a failure, have failed to point anyone to the Lamb of God. That is a sad thing to think of, is it not dear ones? Now, as I feel about it, the only hope for us is to lay aside all of man's theories and get back to the old Bible way. As we all know so many have tried to do away with the old time religion, the old time altar, the old time mourning. But we find that no changes have been made. It still takes the old time preaching: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Yes, all must be saved alike, for God has no exceptions. Our Lord lifts up the ones that humble themselves, but brings down the high ones. Bless His great name. Therefore, we conclude we must, call for the "old paths" and walk therein.

Yes, "the old time religion is good enough for me." Is it good enough for you? Let us see what it did for people in Bible times. We find that Peter who had made a failure, of fishing without the Lord, and who even denied his Master when only a maid accused him of being one of the followers of Jesus. But now on the day of Pentecost he "Stood up." He preached the great sermon that brought conviction so strong that about three thousand souls were added to them. Yes, that was after he was filled with the Spirit. That is what we need most of all today—men and women to tarry until they are filled with "The Holy Ghost." Then we will hear sinners say, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" as they did on that day. How we need to get back to God as His people were in the first century? They knew how to reach God in heaven when they prayed. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

When Paul and Silas were in prison they prayed, and the Lord sent an earthquake that not only released them, but also was the cause of the jailor's whole family being saved. Let us read, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." And now let us realize that this was after they were beaten with many stripes, and they did not know but that they would be beaten again. How many of us would have sneaked out and run away for fear of being beaten again? But not so with Paul and Silas. By no means. Listen to the next verses, "Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved." There was something

about these two preachers that this jailor noticed that impressed him. He had no doubt kept many prisoners, Had heard many weep, curse, swear, and make a great ado. But never before had he heard anyone after being beaten as they had been, pray and sing praises unto their God was something new to him. And methinks, I hear the jailor say, "This religion that these men have is different from any I ever heard of. It makes them happy and joyful, though in prison, and suffering from the cruel beatings. It also makes them honest so they would not want to sneak out and leave. And moreover, it makes them unafraid. For the moment they saw I was about to kill myself. They let me know they were still here. And best of all, was their thought of me for good. When I heard them say, 'Do thyself no harm,' It went like a dagger to my heart, and I said, that is the kind of religion I want."

We depend too much on ourselves. For even Jesus said, "I can of mine ownself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (St. John 5: 30). When we get to the end of ourselves and confess our weakness and seek, find, and go God's way, then the old time revivals will spread like wild fire, as it did in the first century. Dearly beloved we have God's promise that, if we return unto Him, He will return unto us. We read in Proverbs 29: 18 that, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Oh, how we need a vision! Yes, our preachers, and in fact all Christians, need to make their way to Calvary and get a vision of the price paid for a lost world of sinners. Have we cooled off? Do we still have that great love, that made us want to tell all the old hard sinners that they are lost, and that Jesus loved them so much that He died for them?

Why don't we see tears shed as we used to see them? What is the matter? Many Christians have no burden, no spirit. Has the fire gone out of their souls? They do not feel like shouting any more. They have too much love for the things of the world, and not enough backbone to stand for the truth of God.

Yes, we need to fish in the deep waters, as Peter did, and then the fire of the Holy Ghost will start burning again.

Let us call to mind that Jesus said in Luke 13: 29, "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." The beloved apostle John said, "I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the LAMB, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7: 9). Now, let every Christian ask himself this question: "I wonder if by my living, preaching, or giving of my means are having anything to do with bringing such a great multitude into God's family? If not, then I am afraid that there will be no room for me in "many mansions" above. Surely, we want to be in the front line on the battle field, (not the carnal battle field), but in the front in the battle against "Principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

And, now, dear Christians, far and near, may we all join hearts and hands in the great work that God has entrusted to us? We surely will be greatly rewarded for our efforts. Let us pray, one and all, for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and for a revival that will spread to every nook and corner of this old world. I pray that the Lord will bless all the faithful brethren and sisters for the many prayers, and kind words spoken to me. I have tried in my feeble way to preach God's holy word, and I am trying to lead the lost to Jesus. I hope and pray that the enemy will not in any way discourage you in doing your part faithfully.

NOTICE

I have moved from Red Bay, Alabama, to Columbus, Mississippi, and my present address is: M. L. Hollis, 1105 Military St., Columbus, Miss.

CONFIDING IN GOD

The following selected scripture verses contain thoughts worthy of our most careful consideration. We are to accept Jesus' words and to live submissive lives unto Him day by day.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; while it is said, To day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard did provoke: howbeit not all came out of Egypt by Moses" (Heb. 3: 12-19).

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3: 4-8).

We learn that if we will obey God's command, we can leave it all in Jesus' hands, and not feel burdened and we will have peace and joy within our hearts. Does anyone wonder why the blessings that he or she may have prayed for are oftentimes delayed, while there are others who seem to get their requests answered before they make them? It is not for us to understand, for we are to leave it all in Jesus hands. We are to lean upon the Saviour. We are to rest at his feet, and then we will find that we are stronger. We are to receive the bitter with the sweet, and leave it all to Jesus.

Mrs. John Rhodes

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

How is everyone in the Old North State? The time simply flies; here it is winter, and already we have had one snow here in Missouri, but praise the Lord, it has not stopped the people here from going to church.

In October we made a tour up in this part of the country, and we had some successful services. The people prayed and asked God to send us here in a revival. Mr. McAdams could not come, as he cannot stand the cold as he used to do. But God sent Sister Franklin to lend a helping hand. We are having a great meeting. Twenty-two have been saved so far, and nine have joined the church. It is a real revival that will reach out and touch other churches.

Since we last wrote, we have visited a number of churches in Oklahoma and Missouri. It was a great privilege to have visited the State Association of Oklahoma for one day and night. The women did fine with their Auxiliary Convention. God greatly blessed them. It did look good to see Brother Crawford and Brother Zinn making good reports concerning their phases of the denominational work.

Now, concerning Sister Beane of Kinston, North Carolina: she is having to leave school on account of her health. Her doctor advises that it is best for her. We wish to thank everyone who has contributed on her school expenses for the two months she was in school, which amounted to $77.15. May God bless each one of you. Sister Beane is a worthy soul, and we do thank God for her life. She reports that she was very much interested in the Bible College in Nashville. As soon as she is able she will be doing a good work in Kinston, North Carolina. She will take up her radio program again, and assist in the work at Bethel Church in that city.

Oh, how we do wish that it were possible for many of the young people to be able to enter the Nashville Bible College, and pursue studies there for the Master's work. Let everyone possible do our best to assist them whenever we can that they might secure an education in that school.

I will say, concerning the Chest money, that it is hard for some to understand where to send it. Remember, if you have a State Treasurer, please send it to her, and ask her to send it on to Mrs. Fannie E. Polston, and tell her to put it on her books as "Chest money." There are many who have the Chests, but are not getting credit for their money, therefore, be careful, and always state that it is Chest money, when you send it in to the treasurer.

As far as we know the work is going fine, and is pointing to a very successful year thus far. Pray for us as we go from church to church that God will give us souls saved above everything else. Pray that revivals will break out in our churches. May God greatly bless our dear people everywhere, and make them fruit-bearing Christians is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams,
Kirksville, Missouri

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FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

For Month of November, 1943

(Receipts by States)

Missouri	$ 203.25
Texas	139.28
Georgia	138.28
Illinois	103.00
Ohio	100.00
North Carolina	96.00
South Carolina	94.75
Alabama	25.00
West Virginia	20.00
Tennessee	1.00
Refund from British Control by Miss Barnard	5.44
Allocation Fund by National Treas., F. S. Vanhoose	329.70
National Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer	221.66
Total	$1,477.36

Winford Davis, Treasurer

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REPORT OF AMOUNTS GIVEN BY STATES TO THE F. W. B. COLLEGE

By J. R. Davidson

July 1, through Nov. 15, 1943

Tennessee	$1,214.23
North Carolina	875.40
Missouri	524.38
Texas	445.28
Georgia	312.00
Mississippi	230.13
Florida	219.00
Illinois	201.50
Alabama	141.04
Michigan	109.00
Virginia	95.00
South Carolina	68.15
Oklahoma	67.00
Maryland	20.00
Kentucky	20.00
Kansas	3.00
Indiana	1.00
Oregon	1.00
Total	$4,547.11

A MESSAGE ON GRACE

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

Rev. 22: 21—"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." These were the last words spoken to man by our Saviour. In this we find the greatest message ever preached to a lost world. Just ten words, as was the Ten Command-

ments. Grace—the Grace—the Grace of Jesus—the Grace of God.

John 1: 17—"The law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ." "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God" (vs. 1). "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (v. 14). So, we notice he was full of Grace. The same, He said in our text, He was leaving with us.

The Grace of God was mentioned very little in the Old Testament. It was future tense with them, but with us, it is present tense. He was born and lived with us. He died for us. His Grace He has offered to a lost world.

What is Grace? It is pardon, mercy, a favor conferred, kindness, free and undeserved love and favor of God toward man as a sinner, enjoyment of Divine favor, a Christian virtue, meekness, temperance, good will toward God and man. It is also a disposition to show—mercy, a pleasing characteristic, attractiveness, etc.

John 1: 16—Here He promises grace for grace, blessing for blessing. If we deny him here He will deny us before His father. I Cor. 9: 8. My Grace is sufficient for you. Truly it is sufficient, for every type of sin, omission or commission. Grace also includes the blood—for the blood is the life of everything that lives. So, Christ left his life here with us. The blood is the only cleansing power we have that is sufficient to cleanse a sin-soaked soul from unrighteousness.

With the scripture background and promises from the possessor of all power, what ought we to be? Christians, of course, of the highest standing, with His nature. Because we are saved by His grace, cleansed by His blood, redeemed by His power, with this kind of connection with the Heavenly power house. I dare you to be a spiritual coward. Christ came and gave us an example, a living example, the very best there is, one that will stand when the world is on fire. Jesus fought sin at every turn of His journey, and He encouraged those that were trying to serve Him. Yes, I say, those that are trying need encouragement.

The most disgusting thing, to be sure, is for a minister to take His text on the preachers and belittle and ridicule them, possibly through jealousy, or something even less destructive than jealousy. Shame on the guilty individual. I love my Church. I love and highly respect the minister of the church, and if my brother can preach the Word plainer and better than I can, I am willing to take off my hat to him, and help him by my prayers. I am convinced that this is the only kind of timber that will fit in the construction of the church. You build houses of pine timber, but the church is built of Gospel timber.

I preach a definite experience of God's saving grace and cleansing power, so if we definitely know we are clean, we know we are different from the world. Then why not lift up God's banner, which is Jesus, to a lost and dying world and believe and trust God for the results.

It was not a flowery speech Peter delivered at Pentecost that aroused the people, but it was our text **The Grace of God** demonstrated through the lives of his followers. The 120 men and women were dressed in Gospel clothes. They were fresh from the fountain. They were washed and cleansed thoroughly, all of one mind and one accord.

My dear minister friends and Christians everywhere, hear me. We pray, Lord send us, or give us, a Pentecostal revival. The 120 didn't have to pray for a revival. They met God's conditions. God fulfilled His promise. That was easy for Him, and His promise holds good until this day. We don't have to beg God to fulfill His promise. Beg the people to meet God's condition. Then God will bless His ministry with his presence and power. God gives us a spiritual passion for lost souls. God give us a vision that we can see afar. God open our ears that we may hear as for eternity. God give us a spiritual appetite for Heavenly food. God give us spiritual pride that we will eat, drink, and act in a way pleasing to our heavenly Father. God give us a courage and firmness of the Spirit, fearlessness of the mind and a determination more than a match for the devil.—Amen.

Well, Praise the Lord, I, for one, know that Salvation is real. I am glad God's word declares His people a wise people.

Listen to Ephesians 5: 4—"Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." "See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (v. 15). I believe this is referring to our sleeping and dead churches. This calls my mind back several years. A little boy had been to church. The preacher's text was **"Many are Called, but Few are Chosen."** His mother asked him what the preacher's text was. His reply was, **"Many are Cold but Few are Frozen."** Some of our churches are so formal and cold that they seem more like a cold storage than a place on fire for God. I have been to church a few times in life when I felt more like I had been to a funeral than church services.

Brother, God didn't intend for His people to wear long faces. God's Grace makes people happy. Happiness automatically goes with salvation. You never heard of the Devil's crowd shouting. The Grace of God in the human heart is the only thing that will cause anyone to shout. It makes me love everybody. It's good enough for me. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.—Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Any church in North Carolina desiring the 1944 Session of the State Association of North Carolina will please notify the Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, North Carolina. Please do this at an early date, if possible, for the Executive Committee of the State Association is very desirous of knowing who will invite the next session to convene with it.

Remember, there will be only two days for the next session, if all business can be transacted during that time.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, President,

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

SNEED'S FERRY AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary society met on November 6 at the church, and there were six members present. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The dues collected amounted to sixty cents.

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible ------68
Visits made to the sick ---------26
Money raised and given to the needy ----------$38.00
Have in the treasury ------$111.52

There being no other business to transact, the meeting closed with a song and prayer. Our Aid society meets each Saturday before the first Sunday at 5:00 P. M.

Mrs. Susie Rhodes,
Secretary-Treasurer

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DEEP RUN AUXILIARY REPORT

Our society met in its regular monthly meeting at the church in November, and the meeting was called to order by the president. Mrs. Paul Taylor was in charge of the devotional program, and Mrs. G. C. Taylor commented on the lesson, after which she offered a word of prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with ten members present, who answered to their names with appropriate verses of scripture. The dues collected amounted to $5.60. The treasurer reported $6.50 on hand, and it was decided to give Irene Watson, our adopted child at the Orphanage, a box of stationery for a Christmas present. It was also decided that we give an invalid friend of this community a gift at Christmas.

There were four dollars received for the Chest at this time. Mrs. George Barwick agreed to work the Chest during the following month. Our activities for the month are as follows: Chapters read in the Bible 194, visits made 30, milk given to the needy 76 quarts, butter given away 5 pounds, flowers given to the sick 5 and trays taken to the sick 2.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed by the members singing a song, after which the meeting was dismissed in a word of prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Loyd Heath and Mrs. Haywood Smith.

Mrs. Roy C. Hill, Pres.,
Mrs. Ruthie Hardison, Secy.

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AUXILIARY REPORT

The Oak Grove Church Auxiliary met at the church on November 10, and Mrs. N. R. Lewis sponsored the program and led the devotional. Mesdames Ira W. Warren, Byron Bizzell, J. A. Lewis read and made talks on the program given in our paper. Miss Estaline Tew made a very interesting talk. Eleven members were present and two visitors, Mesdames Wayne Roseberry and Mrs. Ida Lee.

Chapters read since last meeting 122
Trays sent to the sick ----------9
Flowers sent ----------2
Visits made to the sick ----------6
Quarts of milk given ----------68
Four pounds of butter were given away.

Sent to Rev. M. L. Johnson for Superannuated preachers, $3.50.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

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ATTENTION! NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN

Since I will be out of the State indefinitely, it will be impossible for me to serve as an efficient President of the State Woman's Auxiliary. I have asked Mrs. Clarence Bowen, our First Vice-President, to serve you the remainder of the year, and she has graciously accepted.

Mrs. Bowen has served as State President in previous years in a very efficient way and I am sure you will have a progressive year under her leadership.

Address your inquiries to Mrs. Clarence Bowen, 911 Green Street, Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Chester Pelt.

LEAGUE NEWS

Edited By
Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

LEAGUE REPORT

The Albemarle League Union was held at Sound Side Church October 30, 1943.

The meeting was called to order by the President. In the absence of the Secretary, Alonza L. Reynolds was asked to serve.

The list of leagues was called and the following represented:

Free Union ----------	
St. Paul, Adult ----------$	.50
Malachi's Chapel:	
Adult ----------	2.00
Intermediate ----------	.50
Junior ----------	.25
Sound Side:	
Adult ----------	.50
J. C. Griffin, Senior ------	.50
Rose Bowen, Intermediate --	.50
Barba Willey, Jr. ---------	.50
Hickory Chapel:	
Adult ----------	1.00
Senior ----------	.50
Intermediate ----------	.50
Junior No. 1 ----------	.50
Junior No. 2 ----------	.50
St. Paul, Elizabeth City:	
Adult ----------	.50
Senior ----------	.50
Intermediate ----------	.50
Junior ----------	.50
Total ----------$	10.75

There were three asked to serve on the Digest Committee, those serving

were Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. H. T. Fowler. After the business period, the local league gave a very interesting program. Rev. L. E. Ballard brought the message on "The Need of Training Our Youth in Today's World."

After careful consideration the Digest Committee decided that the banner would go to the Junior League of Malachi's Chapel.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Shiloh Church, Saturday night, January 29, 1944.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Pres.,
(Miss) Alice Webster, Secy.

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NEW LEAGUE ORGANIZED

During the revival at our church the interest of the young people was stirred, so that they began to see and to feel the need of a league in our church. On Sunday night, September 12, the young people and the adults held a meeting to organize our work. They elected officers and appointed committees as follows:

Superintendent, Mr. W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks, N. C.; Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, Albert T. Coates, Smithfield, N. C.; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Grace Laughta, Smithfield, N. C.; President, Mrs. Ralph Parker, Smithfield, N. C.; Song Leader, Mr. Robert Norris, Smithfield, N. C.

As secretary and treasurer I wish to report that our League is doing fine, but we wish to say that we would appreciate any suggestions from anyone that we might maintain an even better league. On Sunday night, November 21, the members of our league passed a motion to send $5.00 to the Orphanage as our Thanksgiving offering.

We wish to say to our parents, and adults of Hopewell Church that we appreciate your help and attendance in our league. We request that every member of our church to be with us in our meetings each Sunday night at six o'clock p. m. We are in need of all the help that we can get from you. We want to say that we shall be glad for anyone within the reach of the Hopewell Church to come out and worship with us. Please feel free to offer any suggestions for the good of our league.

In corresponding, please write to the Superintendent, Mr. W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks, N. C., or Albert T. Coates, Smithfield, N. C. In conclusion, I will say: "Please whisper a prayer for us that our work may be a great success."

Sincerely,

Albert T. Coates,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Hopewell F. W. B. League

GEORGIA NEWS

By E. C. Morris, Field Secretary

There are eight district associations in the state of Georgia, all of which have held their 1943 annual sessions. According to reports received at the State Association, marked progress was evident. Even tho traveling is somewhat difficult, the attendance at all sessions was reported larger than in previous years, and a greater interest manifested for the cause in general was observed. It may be coming slowly, but I believe, surely, a greater awakening is coming throughout the denominational connection in all phases of the work.

On Tuesday, November 16, the State Association of Georgia met in its Seventh Annual session with Greenwood Church near Camilla, Ga. From the opening hymn to the closing Amen, the Holy Spirit seemed to be leading. If there was a discordant note sounded any where, it was not observed by this writer. There were five district associations represented with a delegation and the other three were heard from. The fellowship was superb and the interest ran high for the Cause. The opening sermon, which was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Catrett, was a keynote message. The closing message, which was delivered by Miss Laura Belle Barnard was a great source of missionary information and of inspiration. The business transacted was of a very progressive nature. There were several items of business enacted, which we believe will mean a great deal to the Cause. The Constitution was revised which provided for a Field Secretary, a Board of Missions and a Board of Superannuation. The proposed Constitution by the National Board of Superannuation was adopted as a working basis of the State Board. The Board of Missions will plan and promote the mission causes, both home and foreign. In connection with these new phases, there was a planning committee appointed. On the 15th of December, this Planning Committee will meet in a joint session of all boards, with the Midway Church near Moultrie, Ga. In this meeting, plans will be mapped out for every department of the work being sponsored by the State Association.

With intelligence, zeal and vision, as possessed by a consecrated group of Christians in the Free Will Baptist Churches of Georgia, you may expect great things to be done. Watch the columns of the Baptist for reports from this section from time to time, and pray much for the success of the Cause.

WHAT DO WE SEEK?

What do we seek, as we travel along?
On the road of life to the great beyond.
Is it earthly treasures of silver and gold?
Or knowledge to live to save our soul.

Do we ever seek along our way?
To live for Him who died one day.
In Him we should trust without a doubt,
For He that cometh will not be cast out.

We should seek while we live to do the right,
For to obey is better than sacrifice.
We should pray each day to God above
To lead us on where all is love.

Do we seek first the kingdom of God?
Yes, seek to build on the solid rock.
Or are we doing as a foolish man?
That built his house upon the sand.

Mrs. Jarvis H. Walters,
Pinetown, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Lost or Saved—Which?

I often speak to someone about his or her salvation by asking, "Are you saved?" There are various answers. Some say, "I am a member of (giving the name of some church), but I cannot say that I am saved."

This is a serious state. It is one of the most dangerous positions that a person can be placed in in life, and there is a cause for such a state. Often the way of life in Christ Jesus has been bungled by the ideas of human effort as presented by some preachers. Man's wisdom has been presented rather than the simple "Gospel message of salvation." Often I feel that church membership and water baptism have been accepted as means of salvation instead of an absolute "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." There are preachers, too, who have been too easy to swell the membership of their churches, therefore, many of the churches are full of unconverted souls. People who really never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, I am presenting to you (by copy) a tract arranged by Rev. William J. Fox, and published by the "Scripture Tract Society, 2011 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois."

If you are not saved, be sure to ponder over this tract in your heart, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He will do the rest.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

The Facts Still Remain

Believe It:—The Bible says man by nature is:—

1. Lost!

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."—Luke 19: 10.

2. Guilty!

"Every mouth must be stopped and all the world become **guilty** before God."—Romans 3: 19.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3: 23.

3. Condemned!

"He that believeth not is **condemned already,** because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3: 18.

4. Dead!

"**Dead** in trepasses and in sin."—Ephesians 2: 1.

"She that liveth in pleasure, **is dead while she liveth."**—1 Timothy 5: 6.

Believe It:—Jesus Christ Alone Can:—

1. Save You!

"Jesus said unto him, **I am the way, and the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14: 6.

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."—John 10: 9.

2. Keep You!

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."—John 10: 27-28.

3. Satisfy You!

"Oh, taste, and see that the Lord is good."—Psalm 34: 8.

"No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."—Psalm 84: 11. "I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread."—Psalm 37: 25.

Believe It:—There is a heaven to gain or hell to shun: **"he that believeth** on Christ is not condemned, but **he that believeth not** is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3: 18. **"He that believeth"** on the Son hath everlasting life, and **he that believeth not** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3: 36.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3: 16.

Arranged By
REV. WILLIAM J. FOX

Why not accept Christ today? Sign the following and mail to us Now!

Realizing that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for my sins, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins.

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Address _____

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CHICAGO, ILL.

At Beaufort

I am at Beaufort this week, November 28—December 5, in a series of meetings. Next week I am scheduled to be home, and am to broadcast from Station WHIT of the Coastal Broadcasting Company.

My health has been very poor this fall. I have had to call off some work, but I am trusting God, if it is His will, to give me full strength. Pray for me.

A LETTER FROM NORTH AFRICA

(To parents and friends of Antiock Church, Toccopola, Miss.)

Hello Dear Friends:

I am taking this opportunity to write this letter to everyone. There are many things which I should like to say, but I cannot express the love I have for everyone of you. I do not mean just part of you, but I mean all, both the good and the indifferent.

I make mention each night in my prayers of you people back home. I believe that there is quite a number of people in Antioch Community who are praying too, but with great re-

grets from the reports which I get of the church, there are many people greatly unconcerned about what is going on. I have such a desire to see the church built up, and see people turn to Christ is the reason why I am writing this letter tonight to you people back home.

I do not know whether it will be of any benefit or not, but I do hope that some of you will appreciate my writing this letter to you. When I said, "Yes" to the call of God, I said it within my very soul, "Lord, though it be little, yet I am ready to do my part."

Dear friends, if you could only realize the conditions of this wide world, you would be willing to walk miles to church and spend hours in prayer, and meditation to God. I am wondering how many of you believe the Bible with all your heart. If I could hear your voices in answer to that question, I believe 99 per cent of you who understood the question would say, "I do." Then, do you remember what God said to Moses, when the children of Israel were crying unto him when they were in Egypt under old Pharaoh? He said, "I have heard the groaning of my people Israel." God had compassion on them. God did deliver them, just like He will do today when the people become consecrated enough to cry unto him.

The way seems awfully rough and rocky and gloomy sometimes for me over here, but I still remember that God said that He would never leave us nor forsake us. Dear people, God knows my heart, and that I am writing this letter with a heart full of love. Dear friends, you have the most wonderful nation in which to live on earth, from what I have seen, and from what I have heard from other places. I am persuaded to believe that you do not realize how wonderfully you have been blessed. God has done more for America than most of the people realize.

I wish I could write just what I want to, but I am not allowed to under the present conditions. I am a long distance from the battle fronts, but on my way over here, I saw where there had been quite a bit of action. I saw ships with just part of them sticking out of the water, having been sunk by submarines.

It seems that I am not doing very much to win the war, but how much are you people doing to win it? Do you appreciate what our boys are doing to end this struggle? They are giving their lives to protect you from the foe. I wonder how many of you realize that we are over here to try to keep the bullets, bombs, and swords from whizzing through your homes.

I feel that I will be back someday, and I still have the meditation in my heart, and I thank God, and say, "Thy will be done." Let us pray that the meditations of our heart, and the words of our mouth be acceptable unto God. I am wondering how many in the Antioch Community that have a family altar. I wonder how many of you gather your family together in your homes, and have prayer and meditation before the Lord as much as once a week. St. Luke says, "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Well, the summer meetings are near at hand, and Oh how I wish I could be there to enjoy them. We know that all things work together for good to those that love God. I feel that it is God's will for me to be here. St. John says, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you" (ch. 14: 2).

I must close, but remember, God said for us to pray one for another, therefore, I am asking you to pray for me as I pray for you back at home. Go to church and pray. Please pray as you have never prayed before. I am wishing for you all courage, health and happiness, and may God bless you. Great God be with us till we meet again.—Amen.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
Middlesex, North Carolina

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25, 26.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
Zaleski, Ohio

CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

(Lesson for December 19)

Lesson: Hebrews 1: 1-9; Romans 10: 4-10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son" (Heb. 1: 1, 2).

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews claims our attention at once with this wonderful truth that God has **spoken** unto us "by His **Son"** (1: 2). The **Deity of Christ** is abundantly proved in this Epistle. He is equal with God (1: 8). "He made the worlds" (vs. 2), is worshiped by the angels (vs. 6) has "laid the foundation of the earth" (vs. 10), He made the Heavens (vs. 10). He remains unchanged. His years have no end (vs. 12). These are the **attributes of God** and belong to Him alone.

One great truth revealed in this Epistle is the fact that Christ has made an **atonement for sin.** It is introduced in Heb. 1: 3—"When He had by Himself **purged** our sins." The truth is emphasized that it was "by **Himself"** atonement was made. "He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of **Himself"** (9: 26; 7: 27). His Blood secures us not for a year, not for lifetime, but for **eternity**—"the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from **all** sin" (I Jn. 1: 7). The redemption from sin which Christ has "purchased with His own Blood" (Acts 20: 28) continues **forever.** It will be the theme of the redeemed throughout the countless ages of eternity. Who can estimate the extent of that love which purchased for us so great a redemption? Who can be sufficiently grateful that he is redeemed?

"Love sent my Saviour to die in my stead,
Why should He love me so?
Meekly to Calvary's Cross He was led,
Why should He love me so?

"Nails pierced His hands and His feet for my sin,
Why should He love me so?
He suffered sore my salvation to win,
Why should He love me so?
—Robert Harkness

"I never will cease to love Him,
My Saviour, my Saviour;
I never will cease to love Him,
He's done so much for me."

II. Heart of the Lesson

Our lesson centers around the glorious truth contained in Rom. 10: 4. To the believer **Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness.** Paul records how earnestly he prays for the conversion of Israel, for he recognizes they have a zeal for righteousness and for God. But they live in **ignorance** of God's righteousness, of the way of justification He has opened up for sinful men, and thus they are still "going about to establish their **own** righteousness" (vs. 3). They refused to submit "themselves unto the righteousness of God." They clung to Moses, to the Law, to the Gospel, of good works; it ministered to their pride of heart, their love of self-righteousness. Man to-day is so proud of heart, he will not admit he cannot save himself, he thinks he can justify himself in God's sight by his own good works. He sets up his own low standard as the Pharisee did (Lu. 18: 11). The publican was his standard, and is self-satisfied and self-complacent. The Jews opposed God's purpose for they refused to admit that Christ was "the **end** of the Law for righteousness" (Rom. 10: 4).

The Old Testament way of obtaining righteousness was by doing "these things" (Rom. 10: 5), but that meant to keep every detail from earliest childhood on. No man could do that. That is why provision was made for sacrifices and offerings.

The New Testament way (Rom. 10: 6-10) is by faith. We are not to look for Christ to come and do something additional for us; it has all been done. Nor are we merely to think of Christ as having come and died on the Cross. Neither a coming, nor a dead Messiah, but one who arose from the dead can save. All we need to do is to believe in His work and to confess our faith in Him. When we do this His power is sufficient to save us, and will save us.

When the great ship, the **Titanic,** struck an iceberg and sank in the mid-Atlantic, hundreds were struggling in the icy waters. They were holding to different objects, trying to keep afloat. In the darkness, a man was washed near another man. One of the men cried out to the other man, "Are you saved?" The reply came, "No, I am not saved." Then the words were yelled out, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Said the man who heard these words, "with miles of water beneath me, and with my body numbed by the cold water, I believed on the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour, and I knew right there that He had received me."

III. Home Work

1. To whom were the Ten Commandments expressly given to be observed? (Exo. 20: 2; Deu. 5: 1, 6; Eze. 20: 10-12).

2. What is the relation of Christian believers to the Old Testament Law? (Rob. 6: 14, 15; Gal. 2: 16; 9: 10-26).

3. Why is it essential for all men from all parts of the earth to turn to Jehovah for salvation? (Is. 45: 21, 22).

4. What is God's great desire for every member of the human race? (II Pet. 3: 9).

5. What assurance have we that this includes all men? (Is. 45: 22; John 12: 32; I Tim. 2: 4).

6. Does the one true God still speak to men? (Is. 40: 8; Mat. 24: 35; Heb. 1: 1, 2).

7. Are we living in the **last days?** (Heb. 1: 2).

8. Why is Christ superior to Moses, Aaron, Joshua, the prophets, and even the angels?

9. What is one result of being Christlike? (Hebrews 1: 9 F. C.)

10. Study all the lesson material in our **Advanced** and **Senior Quarterlies** carefully. They are unexcelled and should be used in all our Bible Schools.

11. We wish **you** a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REPORT OF ROCK DALE ASSOCIATION

The Rock Dale Free Will Baptist Association met in its fifteenth session with Oak Grove Church on Saturday, October 16, 1943. It was opened with song, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. F. Dimery. The Reverend J. H. Perdue preached the introductory sermon. He took his text from St. Luke's Gospel 15: 21. After the message, Rev. H. S. Clark, the moderator, took charge, and committees were appointed as follows: Devotional, Brother Archie Jacobs, Eli Waters and John Boan. Sabbath School, Boyd Chavis, David White and Perry Purvis. Finance, Rev. J. R. Perdue, R. L. Clark and Henry Purvis. We then called off for dinner.

The afternoon session was opened with song and prayer by Brother Eli Waters. The scripture lesson was taken from Psalms, chapter one, and read by the moderator, Rev. H. S. Clark. It was moved and carried that we grant Brother G. W. Husticus and Sister Lela Perkins seats in this conference. It was moved and carried that we read the report of the ministers. The following were reported as in good standing: H. S. Clark, R. L. Clark, J. B. Brown, Henry Purvis, J. B. Purvis, C. F. Dimery. J. B. Cook was excluded from the church and conference. The retired ministers in good standing were J. S. Sessoms, T. S. Sweat.

The reports of the churches were as follows: Rock Dale Church reported with delegates and letter, with minute funds $8.60. Paid the pastor this year $70, and the church is valued at $900. Rev. H. S. Clark is the pastor, and Sister Elizabeth Frith is clerk. Mount Beulah Church represented by delegates and letter with minute fund of $2.35. We paid our pastor this year $116.58. We value our church at $1,000. Rev. H. S. Clark is the pastor, and Sister Ethel Hatcher is our clerk. Bethlehem Church represented by delegates and letter with minute fund $2.50. We paid our pastor this year $116.82. The value of our church is $600. Rev. H. S. Clark is our pastor, and Sister Esther Polson is the clerk. Oak Grove Church represented by delegates and letter with minute fund of $1.50. We value our church at $200 this year. Rev. Henry Purvis is our pastor, and Sister Mattie Chavis is the clerk. Cross Branch Church represented by delegates and letter with minute fund of $4. Rev. Henry Purvis is pastor and Brother Henry Brown is the clerk.

The Ordaining Council consists of Rev. H. S. Clark, Rev. R. L. Clark and Rev. J. B. Brown. It was moved and carried that the committees retire and then make their reports. Rev. J. H. Purdue was chosen to preach on Sunday about 3:00 P. M., and Rev. J. B. Brown is to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual conference on Saturday, October 14, 1944 at Cross Branch Church. This submitted by your committee: Archie Jacobs, Eli Waters and John Boan. The Sabbath School committee reports that some of the churches have good Sunday Schools and some have none at all. We are hoping that all of the churches will have good Sunday Schools in the future. The report submitted by the committee: Boyd Chavis, Davis White, Perry Purvis.

It was moved and carried that the Finance Committee settle with the officials.

Financial Statement

On hand in the treasury	$29.60
Paid in at this conference	18.95
Total	$48.55

Disbursements

Paid to Alex Brown, Clerk	$ 3.00
Paid Rev. R. L. Clark, Editor	2.00
Paid Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator	5.00
Loaned to Rev. C. F. Dimery	5.00
Total	$15.00
Balance in the treasury	$33.55

By the Committee:

Rev. J. H. Purvis,
R. L. Clark,
Henry Purvis

It was moved and carried that we turn our heart-felt thanks to all the good people of this church and community for their kindness towards us during the sitting of this conference. A motion was carried that we adjourn the conference until the next time in course, and the meeting closed with song and prayer. Rev. R. L. Clark dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator,
Alex Brown, Clerk

THE CHRIST CHILD

Winds through the olive trees did softly blow
Round little Bethlehem long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay whiter than snow,
Shepherds were watching them long, long ago.

Then from the happy angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy long, long ago.

For in a manger bed, cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem long, long ago.

Nettie Hansley

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am now available for pastoral work, and any church or churches that should like to obtain my services may correspond with me at Dudley, North Carolina.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Rev. J. P. Barrow

Boys and Girls Corner

"I DON'T LIKE GEOGRAPHY!"

By Montgomery Mulford

"I don't like geography!" exclaimed eleven-year-old Anne, the daughter of my best friend. She had just finished some homework, and was now putting away her books before going to bed.

After she had gone, my friend said to me, "I wish there were some way to help Anne to become interested in geography. I like it so much; you do, too—don't you? But perhaps we like it because we have collected stamps."

I smiled at that. "Have you ever tried to interest Anne in stamps?" I asked.

"Not particularly," was the reply.

"If you should, she might become attracted to the hobby. Then you could casually stress the geography the stamps portray. For you know, as well as I do, that stamps picture some of the geographic facts of most of the countries of the world. Rice cultivation in China, wheat and corn raising in Hungary, dairy farming in Denmark, and other things of the sort are pictured in the designs of many stamps."

"That is an idea!" exclaimed my friend, and he promised to get busy.

After this I did not see him for more than a week. Then I called again, and this time I found him and Anne both poring over a small stamp album.

"Come in! Come in!" they welcomed heartily.

So I drew up a chair at the card table where they sat.

"Anne," said my friend, "has begun collecting stamps, and I am helping her to get well started." He looked at me wisely and I smiled.

"Have you told her that stamps are not merely stickers to glue on envelopes and mail?"

Anne answered my question. "Daddy has been telling me stories about these stamps," she enthused smilingly, "and I have found there are pictures of roses on one of the Bulgarian stamps. Daddy says that means that Bulgaria raises roses to make perfume—at least when she's not at war!"

I was delighted. Already little Anne was learning geography without knowing it. So I said, "Yes, stamps picture geography for us in a very interesting way."

Her father had not yet mentioned geography fearing that the very word might turn her against the hobby. Now that I had mentioned it she looked at me.

"Geography?" she said, suspiciously.

I laughed. "Yes; everyone who collects stamps is on his way to becoming a good geography student, Anne! He finds out all about the world. Can you tell how the people of Canada or Mexico live? Or would you like to know what the people of Brazil or some other land do for a living? Just glance at the stamps from such countries. I'm sure the different pictures will tell you a lot about each one."

Anne looked back at her stamps and began to turn the pages of the album. "Here is coffee on a Brazilian stamp!" she burst out suddenly. "I guess you are right!"

"It's fascinating," I said. "Now look. Next time you have a home lesson in geography come back to this stamp album. Find the stamps you have of the country you are going to study. Examine the stamps. It will be fun to see how much of the geography of that land you can really picture with your own stamps!"

"Well, that sounds interesting!" Anne declared excitedly.

After she went to bed George and I talked for a long while and much was about his daughter. "I was afraid to tie up geography with stamps when talking to her," he said, "but you've turned the trick."

"When a child isn't interested in a necessary subject, I answered, "it is a good idea to find something that may stimulate an interest. Now I am sure Anne will not hate geography any more; and hereafter she will have better and better marks."

This prediction proved true. The experiment was quite successful and Anne was not long in gaining a real liking for geography, entirely reversing her former stand. Before the year was over she was getting some of the highest marks of her class. She now found the study pleasing because she could work so much of it out for herself in a pictorially interesting manner and not depend, merely on the pages of a textbook.—National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th St., New Work.

—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, the heavenly Father in his wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call to her heavenly reward our Sister Lula Harrington, we the members of Piny Grove Church, Pitt County, wish to submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by her passing, we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His Holy will in calling the spirit of our Sister to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and love during the hours of their bereavement, and also we wish to assure them of God's consolation by their placing their trust in Him; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy kept for the minutes of the church.

Rev. Marshall Joyner,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtie Ruth Tyson, Comm.

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

The Albemarle Union meeting met with Sound Side Church on October 30, 1943. Rev. R. P. Harris conducted the devotions, after which the moderator presented two ministers to the union for membership. It was moved and carried that we accept Brother Ballard and Brother Harden as members of the union. The list of ministers was then called, and the following were present: R. C. Alexander, W. A. Hales, L. E. Ballard, H. E. Harden, R. C. Wiggs. Brother Wiggs was from the Second Union of the Central Conference.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called and thirteen re-

sponded with donations as follows: $25.85 for missions, and $26.70 for the union meeting.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs of Ayden brought the eleven o'clock message. It was a fine message on missions. After the message we were adjourned for lunch which was spread on the church grounds.

At 1:45 we reassembled in the church for the transaction of the business of the union. It was moved and carried that we accept the South Norfolk Church as a member of this union meeting, and that it be placed on the list of churches. It was moved and carried that we divide the mission money, 50 per cent to go to Home Missions and 50 per cent to go to Foreign Missions. It was moved and carried that we pay for the radio broadcast for the Elizabeth City Church, and that we take a collection for the same. It was moved and carried that we appoint a committee to write a memorial to our deceased members. The treasurer of missions and the treasurer of the union made their reports which were accepted. It was moved and carried that we take $15 out of the mission treasury, and $10 from the union treasury, and give the total of $25 to the South Norfolk Church.

The petitions for the next union were next considered, and it was decided to go to Shiloh. It was moved and carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. We adjourned with song and benediction.

W. A. Hales, Moderator,
J. A. Harris, Clerk

NEWS FROM GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

I want to write to the Baptist paper, because I do like to read the different articles in it from time to time. Many of them are profitable to read, especially those telling of the splendid revivals that have been held over the country. I do enjoy reading of the many converts to the Christian faith. It is evidence that those souls were tired of the way they had been living in worldliness and sin.

It is a wonderful consolation to a minister of the gospel to see many coming to Christ during the revival meeting. He can see that there are some who are willing to take the advice of God's servants, and turn to the right way.

Our State Association convened at Green Wood Church during 16 and 17 of this month. It is my old home church, and my membership has been there for 47 years. My father, Rev. W. T. Sellars organized the church around 61 years ago on Christmas Day.

Our State Association was fine and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much. The devotional services were fine. The sermons were great. Miss Laura Belle Barnard delivered a wonderful message on the mission work in India. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed her lecture just fine. All of the delegates to the Association seemed to be moved to go forward with the great work of the denomination. The ministers are desirous of going forward in the great work.

Our pastor of Green Wood Church is C. J. Harvey, and he is a man who seems to be very desirous to go forward in the work of the church. We have a Sunday School and a League in our church. We have church services twice each month. It is on the second and fourth Sundays in each month. Please, everyone pray for us at Green Wood that we may go forward in the work of the Master.

Rev. W. A. Sellars,
Camilla, Ga., Route 1

SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1943

The Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Lucama, North Carolina, at the home of Rev. M. L. Johnson, on Tuesday, December 14, 1943, at 10:00 A. M. At this time we will consider the applications made by our Retired and Disabled ministers, and establish the amount to be paid to each one each month thereafter. If there are those who wish to offer suggestions to the Board for this work please write to me at Box 83, Lucama, N. C.

The following is a report for the month of November, 1943.

November 1, Balance on hand $827.82

Received as follows:

Mt. Zion, Wilson county	$ 11.00
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	5.00
Beulaville L. A. S.	3.00
Bethel, Kinston	14.56
Oriental	9.00
Ayden S. S.	1.00
St. John's Chapel	21.00
Sound Side L. A. S.	5.00
Dawson's Grove	6.15
Spring Hope	2.55
J. C. Griffin, Sr. League, Sound Side	5.00
Prospect S. S.	8.50
Grant's Chapel	4.40
Oak Grove L. A. S.	3.50
Tee Chapel	1.00
Holly Springs, Eastern Conference	12.00
St. Delight S. S.	4.12
Smith's New Home	5.50
Smith's New Home L. A. S.	9.50
Sound Side Jr. League	3.00
Burleson's Chapel	6.00
White Oak	4.00
Macedonia	12.50
Fourth Union of Central Conference	22.00
Friendship, Greene County	8.50
Pilgrim's Home	5.00
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
Snead's Ferry	5.00
N. C. Central Conference	20.22
First Union, Western Association	15.00
Pleasant Grove, Western Association	10.00
Spring Hill	5.00
Davis	25.00
Micro	20.00
Bridgeton	15.00
Union Chapel L. A. S.	2.00
Mt. Tabor	7.40
Carteret County Union Meeting	5.00
Black Jack	25.00
Union Grove L. A. S.	5.84
White Oak Grove	10.82
Total received this month	$ 369.06
Expense for November	$ 22.06
Balance for November	347.00
25 Per Cent to National Superannuation	86.75
Amount on hand from November receipts	260.25
Grand Total now on hand	$1,088.07

Signed:

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

UNION REPORT

The first union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with Pine Level Church in Johnston County on October 30, 1943. Rev. Rommie Mitchell conducted the devotional exercises. Then the moderator, after his usual opening remarks, declared the meeting open for the business session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called. Then Rev. J. H. Worley made a report on the work at the Orphanage which was very pleasing to the listening audience. An offering was then taken for the home, and the amount received was $23.64. Rev. R. N. Hinnant preached at the eleven o'clock hour. Following the message we adjourned for lunch.

In the afternoon session, the union was called to order by the congregation singing a hymn, and Rev. J. H. Worley led the devotional services. Then Rev. J. R. Davidson and Rev. R. N. Hinnant favored the meeting with a duet. The union invited Brother Davidson to sit with us in this union meeting. Brother Davidson then made a glowing report on the Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee.

The list of churches was called and they represented by delegates. Then the Finance Committee and Treasurer made the following report:

Carried over from the last union	$ 8.06
Received today	65.00
Offering for the Orphanage	23.64
Total on hand	$96.70

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$33.64
To Superannuation	15.00
To Missions	10.00
For Education	15.00
To the Church Finance Association, Incorporated	6.25
For union expenses	12.00
Total	$91.89
Balance on hand	$ 4.81

The union expressed a vote of thanks to the people at Pine Level for the hospitality extended to this union meeting. The next union will be held with Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County. By motion the union closed with prayer.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,

W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24, 25.

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I Do not Ask Thee, Lord

I do not ask Thee, Lord,
  That all my life may be
An easy, smooth and pleasant path—
  'Twould not be good for me.
But, oh, I ask to-day
  That strength and grace be given
To keep me fighting all the way
  That leads to God and heaven!

I do not ask Thee, Lord,
  That tears may never flow,
Or that the world may always smile
  Upon me as I go.
From Thee fell drops of blood,
  A thorn-crown pressed Thy Brow,
Thy suffering brought Thee victory then,
  And Thou canst help me now.

And what if strength should fail,
  And heart more deeply bleed?
Or what if dark and lonely days
  Draw forth the cry of need?
That cry will bring Thee down,
  My needy soul to fill,
And Thou wilt teach my yearning heart
  To know and do Thy will.

—Anonymous

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WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR MAN?

It seems to me that Christmas season, and the story behind it should bring this question to our minds as never before. We shall not be able to mention all that God has done for man through Christ our Lord.

It is certain that He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Let us think of the first man in the perfect state of happiness in the Garden of Eden. He was placed there by God to dress it and to keep it. God gave also man a woman to be a help meet, and to add to his happiness, but one day the enemy crept in to destroy the happiness. By this temptation man fell from his happy state because he sinned against God. God still loved man, as we shall see, and thus He began to make plans whereby man might be redeemed.

God sent Christ to the earth to redeem man by offering Himself as a ransome on the cross for the sins of the people. Thus, man is to come to God through the sacrifice which Christ made on the cross. There is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. So, in God's own good time He sent Christ into the world to complete the plan of salvation.

St. Luke tells us how the shepherds heard the birth of Jesus being announced by the angels, as they kept watch over their flocks by night. But God's plan did not stop here, for Jesus went to Calvary as a sacrifice for his people. He later also rose for our justification, and He is now seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

What has God done for man? He has made the way so plain that a way-faring man need not err from the way though he be a fool. Christ said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." He also said, "He that climbeth up some other way the same is a thief and a robber." Now, if we do not want to be classed with the thieves and robbers we must accept God's plan of salvation.

M. S. Cowan,
Robersonville, N. C.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS

The needed qualifications of a minister are well suggested by the following list printed on a card in a particular church in London:

The strength of an ox.
The tenacity of a bulldog.
The daring of a lion.
The patience of a donkey.
The industry of a beaver.
The versatility of a chameleon.
The vision of an eagle.
The meekness of a lamb.
The hide of a rhinoceros.
The disposition of an angel.
The resignation of an incurable.
The loyalty of an apostle.
The heroism of a martyr.
The faithfulness of a prophet.
The fervency of an evangelist.
The tenderness of a shepherd.
The devotion of a mother.

EDITORIAL

LET THERE BE TWO SERVICE DAYS OBSERVED!

This year Christmas Day comes on Saturday December 25. Practically all business establishments stay closed on that day, and most people cease from their daily labors to celebrate the holiday in one way or another.

It would be a blessed thing in the sight of God if each local church, both urban and rural, large or small, would plan to hold religious services sometime during the day in honor of our Lord. The pastors and church leaders would do well to arrange a church program for the services on Christmas Day, and call the people together for holy worship unto God. In cases of many rural churches in which the pastors cannot be present to hold the services, because of having to be elsewhere in religious devotions, let the church deacons and the Auxiliary workers of the church come together and plan to hold services for the glory of God.

In most every case the church people can bestir themselves early enough on Christmas morning to get ready to go to the church on Christmas Day for an eleven o'clock service, or to hold one at three o'clock in the afternoon. Let them take their children with them for the hour of service, so that both the young and the old can enter into the worship services in singing many of the appropriate hymns for Christmas, the reading of appropriate Scriptures concerning the Christ Child, making talks suitable for the occasion and offering prayers of thanksgiving and praise unto God for the blessings of life, and invoking His blessings upon them for the future.

A better thing could not be done during the entire day than setting aside a worship period of one hour or more, as it should please the church people, for this most needed tribute of praise and thanksgiving on the part of all unto God who is so loving and kind to everyone. Great good will be accomplished over the country if the majority of the churches will plan to hold services on Christmas Day for the benefit of the people residing in those communities. In some cases in the rural districts particularly, the people can come together for an evening service. It would be very likely that some who were not present for the eleven o'clock services that morning would plan to attend the evening services. In either case, both services on Christmas Day would not be too much time given unto God in holy worship, when most people will not be crowded with a very great many things that have to be done during that day. Either in the home or on the farm, only the essential things will have to be attended to, and certainly there will be left time enough for the eleven o'clock and the evening services to be held.

As a concluding word in this editorial note, we believe the church people can well do this, if they will, and blessings will come to them for their devotions offered up unto God on Christmas Day in honor to our Lord and Master. Then, on Sunday one and all can return to the church at the eleven o'clock hour for another season of praise and worship unto the Lord. Too much preaching? No, it will not be too much preaching. There is no danger in that, when people enter into sacred worship with the desire to get closer to God. There is danger, however, with some people in feasting and sporting too much on Christmas Day and also on Sunday following. Yes, too much merry making, pleasure driving, drinking and gambling during the Christmas season. But good preaching, holy communion at the house of God, singing and praying unto the Lord in the spirit of true worship never is over done for the glory of the Master, and the good of the world. The closer the people can get to God the better will be the conditions under which people can live and enjoy life in the right way. Let there be, therefore, two service days together set apart by the church people in every church community during this Christmas season, and let God be praised in a most wonderful way by both the old and the young people in every church throughout the land.

BELIEVING AND REJOICING

A man once said to a servant of the Lord, "I am such a helpless, miserable sinner, there is no hope for me. I have prayed, and resolved, and tried, and vowed until I am sick of my unavailing efforts." "Do you believe that Christ died for our sins, and rose again?" was the reply. "Of course I do." "If He were here on earth in bodily and visible form, what would you do?" "I would go to Him at once." "What would you say to Him?" "I would tell Him that I am a lost sinner." "What would you ask Him?" "I would ask Him to forgive and save me." "What would He answer?" The man was silent. "What would He answer?" At last the light came into his eyes, and a smile of peace stole over his face as he whispered, "He would answer, 'I will.'" **And the man went away believing and rejoicing with Joy unspeakable and full of glory,** and since that time has been working faithfully for the Christ who saved him in grace.—Sunday School Times.

A WORD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my many friends for their kindness to me during my illness. I appreciated their get-well cards, flowers and visits to the hospital and at my home. I do want to thank them in an especial way for their prayers.

I desire to say to them that I am much better, but I cannot walk yet, so please remember me in your prayers, and it all will remain with me a cherished memory.

Mrs. Anna Jackson,
Washington, N. C.,
Route 3.

A Disappointed Soldier

His Letter to a Radio Minister
About Home Conditions

Dear Preacher:

I was at home a few days ago on a furlough and happened to hear you preach on the radio, and I feel that I should write you about what is on my heart. For I think that I will be going to the battlefields within a few days and I want to have everything right between me and God before I go. Preacher, I have never seen you and do not know you personally, but I wish you would write me and tell me exactly what to do to be saved and ready to meet the Lord if this should be my time to go. Also, if you wish to read this letter over the air you may do so, for it may help some Mother or Father to wake up to what is going on. Perhaps it may reach my own Mother and help her to see what she should do.

Now, here is the story: When I went home the other week, I went with a feeling of joy, and yet there was a burden on my heart. I knew that perhaps it would be my last furlough home, and that maybe I would never see my folks again. For I know that not all of us are coming back, and as yet I am not ready to die. So as I went home, I went hoping that Mother and Dad would help me to get right with the Lord. I knew that they had never been very religious, but they belonged to the Church and claimed to be Christians. They never had family prayers and did not seem to care much about the real spiritual work of the Church. But I had the idea that that would all be changed now. Somehow. Preacher, I felt that surely this war with all that it is bringing would make Mother and Dad really live for the Lord.

So I went home hoping that they would talk to me about being a Christian, and that they would try to help me get saved and ready to meet the Lord. I went home thinking that surely my Mother was interested in the spiritual condition of her son. I have always thought that my Mother was the finest woman in the world and have been very proud of her. So I told myself that Mother was praying for me and that she was interested in seeing her boy saved, whether anyone else was or not.

But, things at home were not what I had expected to find them. I think I came back to camp the most discouraged by that there has ever been. For when I got home everything seemed to be just about as usual. About the only difference that I could see was that they fussed a lot about having to put up with rationing and because they could not buy just anything they wanted to have. As far as their religious life is concerned, I think they must be farther from God than they have ever been. Preacher, they seem to be asleep to what this war is doing, and instead of waking up and getting right with God, they seem to be getting deeper in sin. The Mother that I thought would pray with me and help me to be saved, never once mentioned religion to me. She has even quit going to Church with the excuse that they do not have enough gas to drive to Church. I noticed that they could take a drive and go visiting in the afternoons on Sunday. Anyway, the Church is not very far and anyone who was really interested could walk.

Dad is all wrapped up in his job. Of course, it is a defense job, but he does not seem to care much about the defense end of it. All he could talk about was the big salary he was getting, and the fact that their local union was pressing for more money. One day when I said something about it being the biggest salary he had ever gotten, he said, "O well, I just might as well get my part out of this war." Preacher, I believe that he is actually glad that the war is going on. He did not seem a bit interested in the fact that the longer the war goes on the more people will lose their lives. All he seemed to care about was his pay.

So I spent my entire furlough at home. Time and again I would bring up the subject of religion hoping that Mother or Dad would talk to me about my soul. O how I wanted Mother to pray for me and how I wanted Dad to talk to me. Of course I had never heard Mother pray, and Dad had never said a word to me in all my life about my soul, but I thought that surely this war would make people turn to God. But the full time of my furlough passed and they had not said one word.

Then came the day when I had to leave. Preacher, I could not stand it any longer. I know you may think I am a fool, but I broke down and cried like a baby. I just could not help it. It was not because I was having to leave. I did not mind that so bad. I knew that I might never see them again. But that was not what worried me. I just had to cry to think that my own Mother and Dad were not in the least interested in my salvation.

Preacher, I came back to camp determined by the help of God to get saved. But I also came back wondering what would happen to Mother and Dad if God should call them into the judgment. I am not very proud of Mother now. I see that she is more interested in her clubs and visits and clothes than she is in the salvation of her own son. And one day when I smelled cigarette smoke on her breath, I knew that Mother was just as badly in need of someone praying for her as I am.

Now, I know that Dad isn't interested in his son's salvation. Oh, he got a kick out of taking me around and showing the men of the community what a fine-looking boy he had, and all of that. But preacher, Dad does not care about my salvation. He is too much interested in making a dollar. I even caught him drinking one day in a beer joint.

I know this is a long letter and will take some of your precious time, but I write it in the hope that you may be able to say or do something that will wake the Godless Fathers and

Mothers of America up to see that they should help them. Tell the Mothers wherever you can, that for God's sake and for the sake of their boys, they should get right with God and quit this foolish sinful way in which they are going, and get down to business in praying for the boys and girls of this nation. Tell the fathers that they should quit their drinking and gambling and get interested in their children and in God's work MORE than they are interested in making money. Tell the young girls (and I have some sisters) to quit their smoking and dancing and petting, and to be clean Christians so that they will be fit to marry a decent man some day and raise a family.

Preacher, keep telling them the truth, over and over and over again, and please, pray for my lost Mother and Father and Sisters, and write me just what I must do to be saved, **For I want to be a Real Christian and ready to meet Jesus even if I have to die on the Battlefield.**

Signed by a Soldier.

SPECIAL NOTE—

The above letter was a personal message sent by one of our Soldier Boys to us after he had heard our Gospel Broadcast. (The Truth for TODAY, Station WOPI, Bristol, Tennessee, Friday at 2 P. M.) There was more to the original letter, but we have printed the main parts of it, leaving out anything that might reveal this precious boy's identity. By this time he is probably on the battlefields or may even have lost his life, but we have reason to believe that he went trusting in Jesus as his own personal Saviour. May God help the Mothers and Fathers of America to take warning and to get right with God, for "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

We would be glad for Preachers and Publishers to use this for the glory of God, and ask only that they give proper credit for its source. This letter was received by us in March, 1943.

David P. Denton, Minister,
Church Hill, Tennessee.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." I Tim. 1: 15.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 7.

"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Matt. 18: 11.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10: 13.

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—Submitted by Mrs. Harvey Moore

THE CHRISTIAN ARMY

When one becomes a soldier he must put on his uniform and get ready to fight the enemy. The scriptures teach that the armor of a Christian is essential but though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh. Our weapons of warfare are spiritual and definitely not carnal.

The Christian must put on the whole armor of God so that he may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. A Christian fights against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness.

The Bible teaches that we should take on the whole armor of God. Now notice I put emphasis on the word WHOLE because without the entire armor we would possibly be tempted by some evil force and if we aren't fully clothed in the armor of God we wouldn't be able to stand—we'd lose ground.

In Eph. 6: 14, we are told that part of our armor is truth. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," so if we're never in bondage to any man by girding our loins with truth that will be one obstacle overcome by wearing this part of the armor. "The church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth." If we abide by the laws of the church of God we will be able to stand. Anyone that errs from the truth has committed himself to the wiles of the devil—our enemy. With the truth we must have on the breastplate of righteousness, or, in other words, just honesty, holiness or moral integrity. These we must have if we keep the Christian banner waving.

Then we must have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. In other words we Christians should tell men of the Saviour and if we don't do this we're letting unwanted principles creep into our forces that will eventually corrupt the entire army.

Above all, we are taught we should take the shield of faith wherewith we will be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked. If we have faith in God, the Christians can overcome all obstacles as we are told in John 5: 4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." God is our shield, truth is our shield, and the truth in him.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. The Sword, or the Word of God is knowing the Scriptures as Christ used them. "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4: 12).

If we clothe ourselves in the whole armor of the Lord we will be able to stand even to the end as true soldiers of the Cross and not as a traitor to the Cause.

Clara Hearron,
Lexington, Okla.

—In F. W. B. Landmark.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
N. C. State Association

Christian Workers' Institute

We have just been informed that the Free Will Baptist church of Kinston, and its pastor, Rev. Bruce Barrow, has accepted of, and invited Rev. Robert C. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, to conduct the first Christian Workers' Institute to be held in the state of North Carolina in theh F. W. B. church in Kinston in the month of January, 1944.

Kinston is a fine location for such an institution as it is near the center of a large body of Free Will Baptist people in the Eastern part of the State. Also, good bus lines with buses coming in and going out regularly several times in every twenty-four hours. With such convenience by bus and train, together with automobile travel, there is no reason why the attendance should not be good. Let us hope and pray that the Institute will be a great success.

Where Is the Peace?

Christmas is at our door, and if the Lord tarries, by the time this message is read by some of our readers, the day will have passed into history. But, as we were meditating, and trying to wait for something to come to our hearts that we might talk to you through our columns, out of the depths of our inmost being thought came, "Where Is the Peace, that the angels sang about nearly two thousand years ago?" The world which was then, said, "Away with Him who came to bring peace and good will to all men." The world that was then said, "Give us a robber" in that they asked for "Barabbas" and rejected Christ. So, the world has rejected the "Peace and Good Will" policy, and has been ruled by robbers through all ages since the cry was made in Pilot's judgment hall, "Away with him, away with him." The world has not changed its mind. But, "Where is that peace?" we ask the worldly minded person. "Where is that peace? and the answer is, "We don't know." But when we ask the true child of God, "Where is that peace?" there is an answer that gives blessed assurance. What is it? "In Christ" settles the question. Here is the all sufficient evidence. Listen to the Author of Peace! He knows what to do, and how to do it. Jesus speaks, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14: 27).

All the real peace that man can know in this life—peace that drives away fear—peace that carries undying "good will to men" is that **peace** that is "shed abroad in the heart of man by the Holy Spirit."

The **peace** that comes from God is the only real **peace** that this world will ever know. "Post war talk" is the "Sibboleth" of those who know not God. You know that the Ephraimites could not say "Shibboleth." Their dialect left out the essential in the pronouncing of the word. So, these great speaches, many of them, being made by those who know not God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, are contrary to the dialect that Jesus used when He said, "My peace I leave with you."

"Where is that peace?" we ask. Certainly the atheist cannot tell us. Neither can the unconverted—the one who has not been "born again"—tell us anything about that **peace.** Jesus left it. But it was not left with unbelievers. Oh! Where is it? Is it found at the shrine of the "pleasure god? No, no peace there. Sometimes there is a little satisfaction. But at last it "biteth like an adder and stingeth like a serpent." Is it found at the shrine of the "god of wealth?" no, a thousand times **no!** Where is that **peace found?** Not by confessing some creed. Not by joining some organization. Not in long prayers, as essential as prayer is. But, it is here. Christ left it for us. For whom? For everyone who would meet the conditions. What conditions? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Salvation Settles the Question

We are "saved by grace through faith," declares the apostle Paul (Ephe. 2: 8). But the **peace of salvation** is secured through knowledge, perfect knowledge. This **peace** steps a little further than faith. We enter into Christ by **faith.** We have perfect **peace,** because we know that we are **in Christ.** When this salvation becomes a perfect "Knowledge" then we can say with the apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1: 12). And with John, "We know that we have passed from death unto life." Some times we hear some say, "I believe in a know so religion." This is the kind that brings absolute **peace.**

Glenn Clark, in speaking of this knowledge, says, "Faith says, I believe. Knowledge says, **I know.**" Then he says, "Once get that **knowledge** in your mind, and let your will be completely surrendered to God, every word captive to His will—then no longer is prayer needed where you are, because you are prayer. No longer is faith needed, because you are a living expression of faith."

Then let us conclude this message with an exhortation to all men. Let us seek to **know God,** and **His Son, Jesus Christ.** As Peter wrote, "Grace and peace" (peace that cometh from God) be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to knowledge and virtue" (2 Peter 1: 2, 3). You will notice that **"peace is multiplied by the knowledge of God,** and of **Jesus our Lord."** You will further notice that "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" is **"given through the knowledge of Him (Jesus Christ) that hath called us to glory and virtue."**

May we seek knowledge of the Lord during this Christmas, rather than a "merry Christmas."

P. S. Have you made that Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage yet? If not it is not too late. This is one of the mediums through and by which

we can learn of Christ. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me" said our Lord.

WHAT TO DO WITH CHRISTMAS

William Porter

A great many people do a lot of planning and fixing for Christmas. They must have everything in order before the holidays begin. The many gifts for friends and loved ones have to be purchased ahead of time, and care has to be taken that no one of their special friends shall be overlooked, because they do not want to disappoint a single one of them. All of it puts them in a stir to get everything prepared and in readiness for them and their friends to enjoy the Christmas season together in a fine way.

Well, this is good and commendable in some to be thus concerned about their friends and loved ones during the Christmas season. It certainly does enkindle enthusiasm and help to develop close ties of friendship between one another. But it so often happens that many people go too far with such thoughts to make Christmas a real one. The swapping of presents, feasting upon rich foods, and pleasure making are all right, provided they are carried out in the right way. The usually sad thing about it is that it is all overdone by too many people. Too much money is often wasted in the giving of expensive presents.

Now, the better way, it would seem, would be for people to be more moderate with their giving of presents to others, and less desirous of seeking to make Christmas a time of much merrymaking. While joy and happiness should be felt by everyone during the Yuletide, yet there is a greater significance to Christmas than merely enjoying one's friends and loved ones on such an occasion. The real meaning of Christmas is much deeper than outward pleasures experienced among friends and relatives.

Christmas should be celebrated in a sacred sense, for it derives its meaning in the birth of the Christ Child. The coming of the Saviour to earth for the redemption of all mankind is the most important truth of all. He was sent by the heavenly Father for this specific purpose, and His birth date is significant to everyone, or should be. There should be, therefore, a worshipful attitude manifested in the hearts of the people on such an occasion. Religious services should have the greatest place in the lives and hearts of the people on Christmas Day. Church bells should ring out the glad tidings of great joy, calling the people together for holy worship. Church choirs should swell the glad tidings with sweet music, prayers of thanksgiving and praise should be offered unto God in glory by many of the saints in the sanctuaries of the Most High. It should be a day of deep concern for God and the things that go to make for good and righteousness. People should lay aside worldly things, and re-dedicate themselves unto the Lord. They should count their many blessings, renew their faith and trust in God, and take new courage for the tasks in the future. They should make their greatest gift unto the heavenly Father, and that is, place their all on His altar for unselfish service unto the best possible good that they might be able to achieve for themselves, their fellow man and for God.

One can very well answer the question: What shall I do with Christmas? by determining this year to make it a devotional season of refreshing of the soul with God in prayer, deep devotions and consecration. How fitting can mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and friends use some quiet moments on Christmas Day in writing consoling letters to loved ones away from home in the Armed Forces of their country. What breaths of prayer can be expressed in those cherished letters, and how the boys will take them seriously to heart for every good word written to them by friends and loved ones back at home. God only will ever be able to know the meaning and love such moments will hold for those who write such letters and those who receive them. Such will be moments happily spent, and carry a meaning this Christmas that possibly could never have been witnessed at any other time.

JOTS AND DOTS

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

I have just read Rev. H. Edgar Harden's article in Free Will Baptist of December 1st, in regards to building a Free Will Baptist Church in South Norfolk, Va.

I, as Supt. of Piny Grove (Beaufort Co.) Sunday School, aim to ask the school to give a special collection to Rev. Harden to be used toward building a church house in Norfolk.

I note that the drive for funds will close December 15, but that does not prohibit us from sending any donations that we might be able to raise after the 15th. I feel like Bro. Harden is doing a great work, and deserves our prayers, and any financial assistance we see proper to give in this worthy cause.

May I suggest that each Sunday School send him a special building offering during the Christmas holidays, that our offerings may be used in the name of Christ, and for His glory. Thereby honoring the One that we keep Christmas in the memory of.—Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Any church in North Carolina desiring the 1944 Session of the State Association of North Carolina will please notify the Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Micro, North Carolina. Please do this at an early date, if possible, for the Executive Committee of the State Association is very desirous of knowing who will invite the next session to convene with it.

Remember, there will be only two days for the next session, if all business can be transacted during that time.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, President,
Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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ARE WE NEARING THE END?

There have been so many wild speculations and fanatical "end-of-the-world movements" and too many false prophets trying to set dates as to when the end of the world will be, that it is next to impossible to get very many people to consider the **more sure word of prophecy** from the mind of the infallible God. Unto Him is known all His works from the beginning of the world.

Surely the God who designed this universe, the One who sustains it, knows His purposes, present and future, for the world and its people. The omnipotent and omniscient God knows how, when and where this present age will end. If God is sovereign and does purpose everything after the counsel of His own will, and He so declares, who can hinder or delay His movements when the appointed time comes?

If God has been kind and considerate to His children to indicate by certain signs the nearness of the appointed time, surely His children should, with thanksgiving and eagerness, study world conditions in the light of the inspired word of God. The proper translation, rather than "the end of the world," would be "the consummation of the age."

Man's history has been and is divided into ages in God's plan. This age is designated as "this present evil age" (Gal. 1: 4). Yet this is the day of grace, the age of the Church (the Body of Christ), the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. There have been other ages, and they have ended. Certainly, the Anti-Deluvian age came to an end with the Deluge of the Flood. There will be other ages after this one is ended, mentioned as the ages to come, (Eph. 2: 7).

The unbelief of Jesus coming does not alter or change the truth, or alter the fact of it in the least, (I Cor. 15: 23, 24). This age with all its problems that seem unsolvable and with all its entanglements is rushing on toward the consummation of this present evil age. (Read Ac. 1: 11; Heb. 9: 28; II Thess. 4: 16, 17; I Thess. 5: 2-5; II Thess. 1: 7-9; Rev. 6: 15-17; Rev. 1: 7; Jude 1: 14, 15; Mat. 24: 38, 39; Matt. 21: 30; Dan. 2: 44.)

His coming the second time will mean one thing for those who are redeemed by His precious blood, those who love the Son of God. What if He should come today? He would find more than 16,000,000 Jews in unbelief. Yes, it would be a different thing for Israel. It would also be different for the great mass of unbelieving Gentiles.

Christendom has gone a long way into apostasy in two divisions—Catholics and Protestants. Both, however, claim to be following the teachings of Christ, but pure Christianity seems to be far from some of them. Christ will find, however, some true ones in these branches of the Church, in spite of the corruption which is so general. There are so very many religious denominations in the world that we have reached what may be called a "religious Babylon."

Ephesians 4: 3, 4, says, that there is one body, one Spirit, one hope. Paul means that there is one church, the Church of Christ; one Spirit, the Holy Spirit; one hope, the hope in Christ Jesus. In many instances modernism has come in and taken seminaries and churches that once were true to the teachings of the real faith. In some cases infidelity is being propagated in the name of Christ. There are many sects today that are leaving out the true word of God in this country. They are leaving out the fundamental things, as the Blood Atonement for sin, and other essential things which people should believe in God's holy word.

The awful apostasy is in process now even before the return of Christ to earth. Satan with all his power is now doing his utmost to deceive the people. All such religious systems that teach contrary to Christ's true word will end in Satan's doom. All those who will not receive the simple and glorious gospel of Christ will be damned. But Christ is in glory and is sitting at the right hand of God to make intercessions for us if we will accept His teachings and hear His voice. All who will put their trust in Him will be assured of that peace and rest. All others who do not receive him will be lost. (Read II Thess. 2: 11, 12; I Tim. 4: 1; James 5: 1-8.)

Greed is the root of evil, and universal unrest is seen everywhere. Lawlessness abounds everywhere, and all this runs parallel with the great apostasy mentioned in the word of God. The word tells us that evil seducers will wax worse and worse. But there will be peace again on the earth, and it will be when Jesus comes. He will rule the earth with a rod of iron. Those who are redeemed by His blood will rule and reign with Him. (Read I Cor. 6: 2; Rev. 5: 9, 10; Rev. 20: 3-7.) The scripture says that when Christ who is our life shall appear then shall we also appear with Him in glory. And whosoever will may be with Him in blessedness forever by putting faith in the finished work of the wonderful Christ.

Would you like to be on Christ's side? You may if you will simply have faith and trust in Him. You are to put your case in His hands, and live for Him. There is no other name given under heaven by which you may be saved. In Him is spiritual life, and His light is the life of men. It is your privilege to believe the gospel and be saved. Can you reject such matchless love? Give your heart to Him before it shall be too late. I beg you to find refuge now in Jesus Christ, for He is the shelter in the time of storm. My heart cries out for your safety, and I point you to Christ for He will save you from your sins.

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"LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

By Sidney Smith

"Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6: 68). These are the words of Simon Peter to Christ, when many had declared they could not do the things that Jesus required, and had turned away from following after Him. But there is thought for us here in the words of Peter. He had decided that there is no other one to whom he and the other disciples of Christ could go for guidance and support unless it was the Lord who had led them safely during the short period of His earthly ministry.

To whom shall we go today for comfort and rest? Can we confide in the ways of men? Are we to depend upon what we hear and see round about us for correct guidance in this life? It would seem that even the church is at times baffled as to its place in this world today, because there are so very many people who regard its endeavors as of passing importance. In fact, they think so little of the church and its work in Christianizing the world that they seldom ever go about it for religious instruction or to worship God in any way. Their concern seems to be directed in another direction or channel for their own selfish plans and purposes.

But, the Apostle Peter raised a great question for everyone to consider carefully. If we are not to turn to Jesus for guidance and safety, then to whom shall we go for a clear understanding of what life is all about anyway? We cannot put our trust in any political leader to guide us aright. Certainly we are not to follow some religious fanatic, for there have been many such in the world since the days of Christ. Nor can we believe that "any old way" is the right way to live in this world, and that when the end comes, we become as dust, and no more. Then, what shall we do and whom shall we serve?

Christ is the Bread of life. He is the truth and the way, and He never misleads anyone. He was divine and holy, God's only begotten Son. His teachings are infallible, His words assuring, and His promises are unto those who will believe in Him. He came unto His own, but many of them did not accept Him. Many today do not accept Him as a loving Saviour. To them He is merely a good man who taught some fine things to guide men in this life as they live among others. But this is not all. He did a great deal more than to teach good principles of living, for His mission in the world was far greater than that purpose of His setting up good teaching for the benefits of this life.

There is no one else to whom we can go for eternal life but Jesus. This is simply plain according to John's Gospel. He is the Mediator between man and God, the Intercessor for all mankind. The Bible is plain on this point for everyone to read and understand by a careful study of the Word. Those who will not believe in Him are taking a great risk of their own destiny. They do not have any assurance of peace and rest after this life if they will not turn to Him for rest and the eternal reward after death. What they do here will count for little in the great beyond if they do not turn unto Him in this life for pardon of their sins and seek a place in that eternal home above.

The Apostle Paul gave his life in preaching the gospel of Christ that others might turn to Jesus for rest and peace. Simon Peter did likewise because of the zeal he had for the Word of God, and the concern which he had for the lost souls wherever he went preaching the gospel. Zacchaeus turned unto Christ for pardon and salvation, because he became condemned over his unfaithfulness toward his fellow man. Cornelius discovered that he needed something more than a high ranking military position with the Roman Government. He sought Christ and redemption, a cleansing of his sins, and a chance to be numbered as one of the Lord's believers. Many a sinful person has turned to Christ when they discovered their lost and undone condition, and knew that without Christ in their hearts there would be no hope for them after death.

To whom shall we go? The answer is Jesus. There is no other way out for a lost and ruined world. The only way for the evils of the world to be cured is through the shed blood of Christ on the cross. People must turn unto Him for guidance, peace and eternal hope, and it behooves the Church of the living God to do all in its power to spread the gospel unto all peoples the world round. Let every kindred, nation and tongue hear the gospel, know the gospel, believe the gospel and be saved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am now available for pastoral work, and any church or churches that should like to obtain my services may correspond with me at Dudley, North Carolina.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. J. P. Barrow

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SURPRISING EXPERIENCES

By Mrs. Venie Carney

Because of a very nervous condition I was compelled to spend three weeks in the hospital for treatment, and while there I was very much surprised when another patient asked me who was born in the manger. At first I thought she just wanted to see if I knew, but when she began to ask other questions I realized that she was really ignorant. She was ignorant of the truth that Jesus was born in a manger, Son of the Virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Ghost. She said Mary had to sin in order to be with child. I earnestly did my best to explain, hoping to give her light, but she never understood.

At the same time I was privileged to talk with another patient about "Love and Hatred." She told me of a person that she hated because he had done her wrong. I asked her if she was a Christian. She did not know what I meant, by "Christian," so I asked her if she was "saved." She said, "No." I explained to her the words of Jesus when He said, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." She laughed and said that she did not hate her brother. I told her that all Christians were brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, but she couldn't understand. I ceased talking and left her with these words, "When you repent of your sins and give your heart to Jesus, you will love those you hate, no matter what they have done to you. She smiled but never made any remarks. I pray that some day she'll understand.

Another patient whose bed was next to mine had heard the conversations, but she had nothing to say at all. On Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock she was handed two tracts by a Christian lady. I watched to see if she read them. She laid them on her table, unread! Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock she fell dead, between her bed and mine. She had a heart attack.

I never realized that such ignorance existed in our country, but these experiences have changed me considerably. Though we cannot go to foreign lands as missionaries, there is plenty to do at home.

GOD WONDERFULLY BLESSES HIS OWN

By W. A. Powell

Our Father in Heaven has so graciously blessed us in our efforts in the Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church. In January of 1943, we lost our pastor, Rev. Dewey Tyson to Uncle Sam's armed forces which of course left us without a leader. We were as a flock without a shepherd, however, we did not give up for we carried on in Sunday School and our mid-week prayer services, continuing in prayer that our Father in Heaven would send us a pastor. Bro. J. A. Evans came to our rescue for a month and soon others with Bro. L. H. Wetherington, of New Bern coming to us with the love of God in his heart for our condition, then he began to work to the end that we really did carry on for Jesus.

During his period of time with us we raised all moneys necessary to meet our obligations and remodeled the interior of the church giving it a new coat of paint on walls, wood work and floors with runners in the aisles and rug on Bible stand.

Bro. H. R. Faircloth, one of our members was very dutiful to the church and Sunday School and was always ready to do anything for the glory of God. On November first our new pastor, Bro. W. H. Lancaster began this year's work with a two week's revival with Bro. L. H. Wetherington and Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Bro. Wetherington did the preaching while Mrs. Ballard led in the song services and holding a daily prayer meeting. The congregations were very good and all attending learned to love those leading.

This proved to be one of the best revivals held in this church in many years, while there were not so many additions to the church, yet the body was graciously blessed and filled with the Spirit.

Our Sunday School has been gaining since the revival and our congregations attending the church services have been gratifying.

We are still thanking our Father for the work done here and may God's blessings ever abide with Bro. Lancaster, Bro. Wetherington and Sister L. E. Ballard, and may they carry the messages to the people of our country that are in need.

IT REALLY HAPPENED

A chaplain at one of our large training camps was greatly pleased to see men of several faiths worshipping together, and made this request of the large audience: "Will those who are Protestants please raise their hands?" Up went many hands. "Will those who are Catholics please raise their hands?" There was a liberal response. "Will those of the Jewish faith please raise their hands?" The response showed many Jews present. "Now," said the chaplain, "perhaps there's some other faith represented here, if so, will you please raise your hands?" Up went one hand. The chaplain asked, "What is your faith, please?" He replied, "Baptist."—Virginia Christian Advocate.

THE COMMANDMENTS

Dr. W. D. Robertson was once approached by a lady who objected to any kind of ritual in church service. She said, "I hear that you are introducing some dreadful innovations in your church service."

"Indeed," he replied, "what innovations have we introduced?"

"Oh," she said, "I hear that you read the commandments in your service."

"Is that all you heard!" Dr. Robertson replied. **"We have introduced a far greater innovation than that. We try to keep the commandments."**—Earnest Worker.

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LITTLE CHILDREN

We are little children,
Little can we do;
But our Saviour, as is told us,
Once was little, too.
So we want to tell to others
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That the little Baby Jesus
Came from heaven above.

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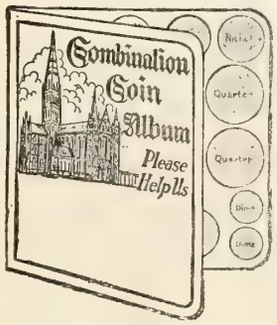

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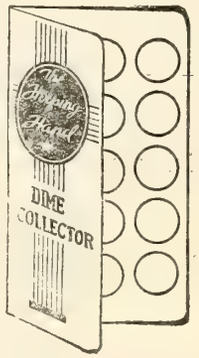

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GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND HIS GIFT

(Lesson for December 26)

Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16).

You gave gifts this season, either few or many, because of varying motives. Some gifts you gave because of the compulsion of relationship. You felt that you could not neglect Aunt Susie and Uncle Harry, just because they are in the family. Hence, although it strained your budget desperately, you did the expected thing, and "remembered" them with a gift. Perhaps you, like many others, also gave a few gifts because you knew that certain people were going to send you something, and common courtesy demanded that you reciprocate in kind. You wished most earnestly that they would not do it, and you would like to have told them to drop you so you could drop them; but the fell clutch of custom had you fast in its grip, so you "gave something" to save yourself future embarrassment!

None of these motives influenced God! He owed no debt to man; that obligation was all on the other side of the ledger! He knew that humanity was not going to give Him some loving remembrance: mankind had spent its entire history in robbing God of the honor and substance which were His right and natural due! The one and only reason God gave His Son on Christmas number one, was because **He loves sinners!**

—Selected.

In one of his large meetings, whilst D. L. Moody was explaining the freeness of salvation, a man jumped to his feet, and oblivious to his surroundings, exclaimed: "Oh, it is beautiful; I always thought I had something to do, but now I see I have something to take." "The free gift of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6: 23, R. V.). "Let him take" (Rev. 27; 17).—Tales Worth Telling.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. God promises to guide those who are willing to follow.

2. He who follows the Star is sure also to find the Rising Sun, the full glory of Jesus Christ.

3. The Word of Prophecy is precise even as to places and plans in the program of God.

4. Pernicious intention is sometimes coupled with what appears to be a pious inquiry.

5. The most cleverly-concocted evil schemes never succeed except by the permissive will of God.

6. Whosoever is willing to follow the Word of God will eventually be led to the Son of God.

7. No imposter will be able to secure himself on any earthly throne when the rightful King appears.

8. Information and illumination from God concerning Christ will always produce joyful hearts.

9. Wise men will bow in worship when they find themselves in the presence of the Son of God.

10. When the knee is bowed in worship, it is easy to give of our treasure unto the Lord.

11. These Sentence Sermons should be studied in connection with the lesson exposition in our quarterlies where many more important truths are stated. Chapters 1 and 2 of Luke's Gospel should be studied during the week also, and thanks given to God for His unspeakable gift.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Birth of the King. The circumstances and events surrounding the birth of the Lord Jesus were different from that of any other individual coming into this world: Jesus' birth was a prophesied birth (Is. 9: 6, 7). His very gender was foretold: "Unto us a Son is given" (Is. 9: 6). That He would be virgin-born was also foretold: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel" (Is. 7: 14). The very place of His birth was foretold (Mic. 5: 2). Truly, none other was ever born as was the Lord Jesus!

"O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day!"

Silent Night, Holy Night

High up in the Austrian Alps in the region known as the Tyrol meaning, "the land in the mountain," is the birthplace of the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night." The Tyrolian peaks, with their snow caps, rise to lofty heights in the cool, clear air. They guard little smiling valleys. Far up in these mountains nestles the little town of Oberndorf, Austria. Here every child is born with a love for music. In 1818 there lived in this little town a devout young Austrian priest, Joseph Mohr. The village schoolmaster and church organist, Franz Gruber, was his close friend. On Christmas eve, 1818, Joseph Mohr sat is his study. Outside, the night was still. The mountain peaks, snow clad, stood in grandeur, with the starlight above. The beauty of the clear night outside, and a vision of the radiant peace and joy of the first Christmas when Jesus the Saviour was born, filled the mind and heart of Mohr. Suddenly his thoughts expressed themselves in the beautiful poem, "Silent Night, Holy Night." After he had written out the words of the poem, Mohr hurried to the home of his friend, Franz Gruber, with it. When Gruber had read his friend's verses, he exclaimed, "Friend Mohr, you have found it —the perfect Christmas song! God be praised!" Thrilled with the spirit of his friend's verses, Gruber at once set to work to compose a perfect melody for the perfect song. Soon the soft flowing melody we now sing came to him. He cried, "Friend Mohr, your song sings itself!" On Christmas Day, the two men sang the

Christmas carol together at the church service. Their listeners were deeply touched, and, after the service they thanked the two friends with tears of joy in their eyes. Gradually the song left its mountain home in Tyrol, and was sung in the villages and towns throughout Austria and Germany, and before many years, it became one of the best loved Christmas carols. Now it is loved and sung around the world.

—Selected.

REPORT OF THIRD EASTERN UNION

The union met with Deep Run Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1943. It opened with a song, and prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. Hansley, after which the moderator made some timely remarks, and welcomed the visitors who were present. After the organization of the union, Rev. W. L. Jernigan led in a word of prayer.

The list of ministers was called with eleven present. Rev. D. W. Hansley brought the eleven o'clock message, using for his text John 21: 15, 16 and 17. After the message dinner was served on the grounds.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing a song, and prayer was offered. The list of churches was called with 24 representing with a total contribution of $120.65. The disbursements were as follows:

Paid to the Orphanage	$35.00
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To Christian Education	40.00
To Church Finance Association, Incorporated	15.00
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The Nominating Committee brought in their report which was accepted. The union adjourned with prayer to meet with White Oak Grove Church in Lenoir County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January.

Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Leslie Kennedy, Clerk

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REPORT OF CAPE FEAR UNION

The Cape Fear Union convened with West Clinton Church on October 30, 1943. It was opened with Rev. M. L. Johnson reading the scripture lesson, in the absence of Rev. C. R. Biggs. The moderator made some remarks urging all delegates to be present at the opening of the union. The roll was called of ministers and standing committees. One visiting minister, Rev. W. K. Jordan of the Third Union of the Western Association, was present. Rev. T. E. Beaman and Rev. M. L. Johnson were appointed on the Program Committee, and Elijah Woodall and Walter Royals on the Finance Committee.

The church reports were received, and given to the Finance and Allocations Committee. The Disabled Ministers' report was received and accepted. Rev. M. L. Johnson made some remarks on Superannuation. His report was very good concerning the State Superannuation work. A motion was passed that all disabled ministers' funds of the union go through the State Treasurer after the sitting of this union.

The Royal-Woodall Quartett from Tee's Chapel was present, and rendered a fine musical selection at this time. After a short intermission, the union re-assembled, and the song service was conducted by the choir leader of West Clinton Church. Mrs. R. H. Jackson rendered a special selection. The title of this selection was: "He Will Hold Me Fast." Tee's Chapel rendered another selection. Rev. M. E. Godwin preached the eleven o'clock sermon. His text was, "Go ye into all the world." This was the first time the West Clinton Church had entertained the union meeting, and we feel that they should be commended in a special way for their hospitality. The lunch was splendid and well served on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened by singing and devotions, which were led by Rev. W. H. Lancaster. There were present three visiting ministers: F. S. Haines, H. M. Pope, and E. Westbrook. Each one was given a chance to speak to the union. Rev. H. M. Pope and his son sang a duet which was enjoyed. Rev. R. H. Jackson was to deliver an education address, but he asked Rev. F. S. Haines to speak in his stead.

The reports were made by the various committees at this time. A motion was made and carried to send Foreign Missions money $12.10 to Rev. R. C. Wiggs to be sent to Winford Davis for foreign missions.

Petitions for the next union were received from Robert's Grove Church and Johnson Union. The vote was in favor of Robert's Grove. The history of Clinton Church was given by Rev. R. H. Jackson, which was interesting, and instructive. Rev. H. R. Faircloth closed the union.

Rev. C. H. Coates, Moderator,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Secretary

MOTHER

Mother is a little girl who trod my path before me,
Just a bigger, wiser little girl who ran ahead—
Bigger, wiser, stronger girl who always watches o'er me,
One who knows the pitfalls in the rugged road I tread.

Mother is a playmate who will always treat me kindly—
Playmate who will yield me what true happiness demands.
She will never let my feet stray into brambles blindly—
Mother's just a bigger little girl who understands.

Mother is an older little playmate who'll befriend me—
Yesteryear she traveled in the path that's mine today!
Never need I fear a foe from which she might defend me—
Faithful little pal who ran ahead and learned the way!

—Strickland Gillilan.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas lights are shining
And their flames, so bright,
Tell us that the Saviour
Was born one winter's night.

—Mary H. Tibbetts

Boys and Girls Corner

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO MARY

This is the story of the most wonderful message that God ever sent to any one in this world.

The Father up in heaven had a very hard time to make His children see how much He loved them. After He made the world and everything to help His children to be perfectly happy, they forgot about Him and did so many wicked things that God was not pleased. He sent messengers to them, but they treated His messengers unkindly. Many prophets came and told the people, but they would not obey.

They would not listen to God's word that was sent to them. I think God must have felt very sad in His heavenly home when His people would not listen to His word, and I can imagine that at one time, when the people had been very bad, He thought: "What shall I do next? I have tried and tried to win them back again, but they will not come. My messengers have taken my word to them, but they will not obey. I wonder what to do next."

Then a beautiful thought came to Him, the most beautiful that ever came into anybody's heart, and the Father said: "My Son shall go down to the earth to save the people from their sins. Surely they will listen to Him. Surely they will come back to me through His love."

The baby Jesus would need a mother to care for Him while He was little here on earth. Who should she be?

In the city of Nazareth there lived a beautiful young woman. She it was who was to bring the greatest honor to the children of Israel. God was pleased with her, and He said: "I will bless her in a way that no one else has ever been blessed. I will let this Mary be the mother of my Son, Jesus."

Then God sent this wonderful news to Mary by His messenger, the angel Gabriel.

When the angel came into the room where Mary was, and, all shining with light, stood before her, Mary was afraid. Then the angel said, "Fear not, Mary, for God is pleased with you," and he told her she was to have the care of God's own Son, Jesus. He would be the world's Saviour and would rule forever in the hearts of those who love God.

—Bible Story

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

DEES. On January 15, 1943, God saw fit to call Sister Ruby Dees home to rest from this world of care and sickness. She had been in ill health for several years. All was done for her that husband, children and doctors and friends could do. She bore her sufferings patiently, and never complained. She manifested a life of love and kindness in her home, in her church and toward her neighbors and friends.

She was a member of Antioch Free Will Baptist church in Wayne County. She loved her church and always filled her place as long as she was able to attend the services.

She leaves behind a husband, Mr. Walter Dees, three children, and several grandchildren. Her funeral was preached at the church on January 16, 1943, by Rev. W. L. Hart, Rev. M. E. Tyson, and Rev. Jimmy Roberts. She was buried near her home in the family cemetery, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Fred Kirby,
Mrs. J. C. Edmundson,
Memorial Committee

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DUNN. Our little darling Margaret Annice Dunn was called to her home in heaven to rest last week. Our home is left sad and lonely. She was a beautiful child, and was well loved by all that knew her.

She was sent to us on August 26, 1941, and was called to rest on November 29, 1943. She left this sinful world for a better place, and we hope to be with her some day. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dunn.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard to speak the word—
We must forever part.

The golden gate was open wide,
A gentle voice said come;
An angel from the other side
Welcomed our loved one home.

A loved one from our home has gone
But memory lingers still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which can never be filled.

—Mrs. John H. Dunn, Mother

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Floyd. Mrs. Charlotte Floyd departed this life on October 30, 1943.

So many days have passed and gone,
Since we've eyed that loved one;
Mother and Grandmother dear,
But we know she's in that heavenly home
Where's no troubles, no sorrows, nor even a moan.

Why should we weep, worry, or mourn?
Just for the absence of her motherly care;
For the days she tried to travel and roam,
And the Godly love and sympathy she shared.

Now that she is rejoicing in heaven today,
With our loved ones who've passed and gone;
May we so live and have such a home
That God might look down and say,
"Come home, my children, for you've traveled my way."

—Mrs. Milbourn DuBose, Daughter

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DIXON. On September 4, 1943, our Mother, Mrs. Sabrina Dixon, gently folded her hands, and went to her eternal reward. She often spoke of that home not made with hands, so she quietly passed on to that home.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Miller, and grandson, Clifton Rice. The floral offerings were many, and highly appreciated by the family.

She was born on July 19, 1862, in Hyde County. She joined the Free Will Baptist church at an early age, and died a true Christian. She leaves to mourn their loss 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

We have lost our loving Mother. Home is dark and empty now, and our hearts are filled with sorrow, but to Jesus we will bow. Mother dear has gone to heaven to that home where angels dwell. May we meet her in that city never more to say farewell.

—Eva Carmady, Daughter

FOURTH UNION REPORT

The Union of the Fourth District of the Central Conference met with Free Union Church, Greene County, October 30, 1943. The devotional was led by the moderator and Rev. P. C. Wiggs read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. The moderator made a few remarks and declared the union open for business, and appointed the following committees: Finance, T. E. Ham, J. Eli Craft, J. R. Bramon; Orphanage, W. M. Hardison, Bennie Goff, Sister L. R. Bell; Sabbath School, Rev. N. D. Beamon, A. J. Jones, Rev. J. W. Wooten; Temperance, Rev. P. C. Wiggs, A. R. Walston, C. F. Abrams; Program, R. C. Barfield, Sister Abrams, Herbert Owens. It was moved and carried to invite the visitors to have seats with us.

The ministers present were as follows: C. D. Hamilton, J. W. Wooten, N. D. Beamon, Marshal Joyner, P. C. Wiggs, and those absent were W. L. Hart, M. E. Tyson, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor, H. T. Sowers, N. D. Tyson. The licentiates absent were W. F. Newell, W. H. Webb.

List of Churches

Watery Branch	$ 2.50
Walnut Creek	2.50
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Spring Branch	5.00
Aspin Grove	4.00
Owen's Chapel	10.00
Ottis Creek	2.00
Edgewood	2.00
Dilda's Grove	2.00
Howell Swamp	3.00
Saratoga	2.00
Antioch	6.00
Daniel's Chapel	3.00
Little Creek	3.00
Total	$58.75

Since Rev. Manning was not present, Rev. Hamilton brought the eleven o'clock message. His text was taken from Rev. 6: 5. After the sermon, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A collection was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $27.82. We then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with a song and Rev. Beamon led in a word of prayer. A communication fram Rev. J. C. Griffin was read concerning Superannuation, and a motion was made to take up an offering for the same, which amounted to $5.00. The union paid $15.00, making a total of $20.00 dollars.

Treasurer's Report

On hand	$ 7.77
Received at this union	58.75
Total	$66.58

Disbursements

Paid to the clerk	$ 6.00
Paid to Superannuation	15.00
Paid to the Orphanage	19.00
Paid to Christian Education	10.00
Paid to Foreign Missions	5.00
Paid to Home Missions	5.00
Total	$60.00

Balance in the treasury	$ 6.52
Received for retired ministers	$3.31
For Education	3.00
For Superannuation	2.00

Rev. Hamilton suggested for each church to allocate more money for education in representing in the union meeting.

We, your committee, recommend that each church put on a special campaign for provisions and money for the month of November for the Orphanage.—By the Committee.

We, your Sabbath School Committee, endorse the same report as made the last time.—By the Committee.

The next union will convene with Owen's Chapel in Wilson County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1944. A motion was made and carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The union then closed in praise and prayer.

Rev. Marshall Joyner, Moderator,

R. R. Bailey, Clerk and Treasurer

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Fourth Union to be held at Owen's Chapel, Wilson County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1943.

Morning Session

10:30—Devotion by Rev. N. D. Beamon
11:00—Business
11:30—Preaching
12:30—Dinner

Afternoon Session

1:30—Reassemble and business
2:30—Talks by different people
Balance of Business and adjournment

R. C. Barfield,
Herbert Owens,
Mrs. C. F. Abrams,
Committee

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6: 17, 18.

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Christmas is a sparkling time—
I like its shining things:
The silver on the Christmas tree
Like glistening fairies' wings.

The crimson holly berries' glow,
The candles' flickering light,
The colored balls upon the tree
That shine like rainbows bright.

The green and white mistletoe,
The tinsel's silver gleam—
Each thing so shiny and so gay
Like some wee pixie's dream.

But I like more than all the rest
The silver star above,
That gleams upon my Christmas tree
To tell me God is love.

—Cora May Preble

UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Moseley's Creek Church in Craven County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October. The union was opened by a song and prayer, after which the different committees were appointed. Then, the minutes of the last union were read and approved. The list of churches was called.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. After the message dinner was served on the church grounds. Brother Wetherington led the song services in the afternoon session of the union. Rev. J. R. Bennett spoke concerning the Vacation Bible School, which the Conference is trying to put in motion throughout the several churches of the Conference.

The Financial Statement

The receipts for today are as follows:
Received at this union _____$101.00
There was nothing on hand for the union.

Disbursements

To Finance Corp. _____	$ 10.00
To the Orphanage _____	55.00
To Anna Phillips Loan Fund	10.00
To Vacation Bible School ___	10.00
To National Bible School ___	10.00
To the Clerk _____	5.00
Total _____	$100.00
Left on hand in the treasury _	$1.00

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The meeting adjourned with prayer. The next union will convene with Arapahoe Church in Pamlico County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1944.

Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator,
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  Of the joyous Christmas time,
Ev'ry leaping tongue rejoices,
  Clear and high their praises ring;
Shout, ye people, lift your voices,
  Hail the birth of Christ the King.
"Peace on earth," all discord stilling,
  Comes to man the sweet refrain;
Listen, how all hearts are thrilling
  With the strange and mystic strain.
Now the notes fall soft and tender,
  Dropping downward through the air;
Dreary hut or home of splendor,
  All the gracious message share.
Now again triumphant sounding,
  Jubilates high we raise,
Gift to man, with love abounding,
  Christ's nativity we praise;
Rising, sinking, dying, swelling,
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  Of the Christ-child's wondrous birth.

—Anon.

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GIVE THE WORLD A SMILE

By Ruth Kennedy,
Pink Hill, N. C.

Give the world a smile, because when you smile, the world smiles with you. Jesus died on the cross for all, and not for a single individual. When friends turn their backs upon you, remember Jesus will always be present to cheer you up, for He is the One in whom you can always trust.

In sickness and in times of health, Christ is always present to hear your prayers, and that to bless. Though you may be in a backsliding condition, downhearted and blue, He never forsakes you. Your burdens can always be lifted from your aching heart through Jesus your Master.

You can smile through gladness and sorrows, if you will only believe in God, for He gave His only begotten Son that we may have eternal life, and enjoy the comforts of salvation. That is free only for the asking, by taking Jesus as your personal Saviour.

May God bless everyone everywhere. Will the readers of the Baptist paper please pray for me?

'TIS CHRISTMAS TIME!

By Pliny A. Wiley,
Wichita, Kan.

'Tis Christmas time!
Across the snow the candles cast a ruddy glow,
Mid holly wreaths and mistletoe.

'Tis Christmas time!
We hear the bells, their cadence sweet,
Like music swells, and of His incarnation tells.

'Tis Christmas time!
And far and night, in every land
The Cross of Christ is lifted high.

'Tis Christmas time!
Let conflict cease from savage war,
We seek release to worship Thee, O Prince of Peace.

BEHOLD THE KING OF GLORY!

By Mattie Mae Beacham

Behold the King of Glory!
And herald the sweet story of His birth;
How the angels sang the glad song
When He came to earth.

Behold the King of Glory came!
He laid His kingly crown aside,
To come to earth as the Redeemer,
And with sinful men to abide.

Behold the King of Glory!
How He left His heavenly Home
To become a wanderer here below,
And in the midst of men did roam.

Behold the King of Glory came,
That He might set sinful men free,
And give His life as a ransom
Both for you and me.

EDITORIAL

PURPOSE OF GIVING

Most people have good reasons for giving presents to others during the Christmas Holiday season. Out of love or friendship for relatives and friends, they make gifts, either small or great as the case may be, simply because they have a desire in their hearts to please those to whom they make the gifts.

In many instances, these people receive in return gifts from their friends and loved ones. Thus, the spirit of giving is usually shown to be mutual with many people. The purposes and the results usually mean well for most of the people who make such gifts in the sense of real Christmas giving. As a result, the hearts of both the old and the young are made glad because of the giving and the receiving of presents.

The great Gift of all time is the supreme Gift that God our heavenly Father made unto the people of earth. Christ Jesus is the supreme Gift of all time. He came as the eternal Gift to change the hearts of men, and to bring the greatest joy that can come to anyone in this life. His coming was the Glad Tidings to a sinful world. His life has meant more to humanity than anyone else in all the history of mankind. He will give peace to the brokenhearted, satisfy the longing soul for rest, and assure all who come unto Him a home in heaven after this life is over. The gift of His plan of salvation to the world, for everyone who will accept it, is everlasting and will remain through the ages to come to be the eternal light of weary souls that they might believe this gospel of Christ, and become a true child of God.

The greatest gift a sinner can make this Christmas season is to give his or her heart to Christ, and live the true life in our Lord Jesus. Such giving, or surrendering unto Christ, will fulfill a true purpose in the life of the individual for which Christ came into the world. As Jesus gave up His life for the sins of mankind, it is plainly true that sinners should be willing to give up their evil ways of living, and seek the Lord while He may be found. The supreme purpose of Christ's sacrifice on the cross was to draw everyone unto God the Father in heaven, and in like manner, it should be the chief purpose of everyone to live in such a way as to be able to be true followers of our Lord Jesus. The giving of self unto God means more than all else anyone can ever do in this life, whether for self or for others. The basic principle of God's giving His only begotten Son was His supreme love for sinful men. In like manner, it should be the greatest desire of the human heart, yes, the supreme love in his heart to give self unto the Lord, and rejoice in the surrender made. Holy union with God, and communion with His Holy Spirit will give anyone the supreme joy of life.

AT CHRISTMAS

Dear Boys and Girls,

Greetings at this precious Christtime!

"I can't forget Christ's wondrous birth,
For remembering I know
That in His advent to earth
It was God's love to show.

"I will not forget Christ is alive,
And pray that I may be:
Always expresing gratitude,
For all He means to me."

Christmas time brings many heart thrills to boys and girls, and shall we say to men and women, too? Surely it does, and this year, we trust that all our boys and girls will have much to rejoice over, for truly God is good to us. All around us is sin and sadness, but we can rejoice because Christ was born, and that He gave up His life upon Calvary, but now He is alive and is seated at His Father's right hand. God gave His Son to us, to die for us that we might be saved from our sin. This was Heaven's best gift—shall we call it a Christmas gift? Now, what shall we give Him in return?

First of all it is best to give to Christ—ourselves. He expects us to come to Him. His Word says, "Come unto Me"! Then we can give Him of our possessions. One little girl said she wanted to give the Lord a Christmas gift. Her mother told her to choose a nice gift, and then they would see about giving it to the Lord. Anna Mae chose a nice doll. Her mother wrapped it carefully, and together they made their way to a miserable hut called the home of a poor little girl who lay dying of a terrible disease. The little girl was sleeping on her cot. They placed the doll beside her where she would find it when she wakened from her nap. After they were in the street, Anna Mae told her mother she had wanted to give her gift to the Lord Jesus. When they reached home, Mother took her Bible and read: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25: 40). What we lovingly and willingly give and do for God's little ones, we do for Him. Let us all give Jesus a gift this Christmas, shall we?—L. L. K.

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to say to my friends, and our churches generally, that because of my physical condition, I did not assume the responsibility of any pastorate for this church year. However, my condition seems improved, and I feel stronger at this time. If any of my brother ministers wish to call on me for supply services, or if any church should desire me to fill vacancies, I would be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

Yours in His service,

M. A. Woodard,
Winterville, N. C.

Peace in a World at War

(John 14: 27; Luke 2: 14)

By Rev. K. V. Shutes
Cordova, Ala.

We remember that the Old Testament closed with broken law and a corrupt Priest-hood and a nation of robbers. Then there were 400 silent years without the voice of a prophet; then an angel announced the birth of Christ, Lk. 1: 35. "And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Then when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, the angels came from heaven to sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2: 14).

You remember when this news went abroad that war was started; the babies were slaughtered, and the enemies never stopped until they killed and buried Him. But just before He went away, He stood and said to the persecuted and discouraged apostles: "My peace I leave with thee; My peace I give unto thee." The war clouds are heavy and the sons of the earth are being slaughtered, but in the heart of every blood-washed, Holy Ghost filled life, there is peace.

There is no peace to the wicked! Peace does not come by legislation. We have more laws than we can read in a life-time. The lawyers are quarreling and most citizens are grumbling about so many unnecessary laws. It is not more law we need.

Neither does peace come by education. Our land is dotted with high schools, colleges, universities, and Seminaries. Yet our nation is farther from God than it has been since the Pilgrims landed. Then education can't solve the problem of a blood-thirsty nation.

Neither do I believe that reformation is what we need. There was never a man drunk, but what he reformed and said he wouldn't do it any more. But when the bottle was presented in his weak hour, he yielded to the temptation. Every sinner reforms in his mind when he is overtaken by sin, but he will go back and do the same thing again.

Then what do we need? We need to know that peace is a gift of Christ. He said in John 14: 27, "My peace I give unto you." He gives peace when He gives Divine nature. John 16: 33: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." These verses tell of the sources of peace, but the blood-thirsty beer-guzzling, pleasure loving, high-minded politicians and citizens think it can be attained by might and power. Sirs, I believe that the same God who delivered Elijah, Daniel, the Hebrew Children, and Jonah shook down the walls of Jericho, delivered Paul and Silas from the Philippian Jail, is still alive.

Listen to Paul, Rom. 5: 1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God." Then peace comes when there is no condemnation of sin. When sin is covered by the blood: Isa. 53: 5, "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." The back of Jesus was lashed with the stripes we rightfully deserved, but when we believe in Him and receive Him as our Lord and King, we become heirs of His possessions.

Jesus also said in John 14: 27, "My peace I leave with thee."

If peace is left in the heart when it is cleansed, how may it be retained? I John 1: 7, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from All Sin." If sin broke the relationship of the first couple in the Garden of Eden, Sin will now keep us from having peace.

We may have all the peace conferences, and arbitrary conferences we like, but I do not believe peace will be on this earth until the Prince of peace comes and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Rom. 14: 17; "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Now, can't we see, peace is maintained by certain things. Isa. 26: 3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

We have to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us. "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4: 7).

"Set your affections on things above," said Paul. If we have lost sight of the world with its affections and lust, surely there is peace in our hearts. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law" (Gal. 5: 22).

Only a few days ago, I was on the Azalean train that runs from Cincinnatti to New Orleans. I had a lengthy conversation with a Jew Salesman. He is on the Board of Directors of his Synagogue. He said he was disgusted with the big folks running the thing. But yet it was only a form with him. He did not think it any harm to drink, commit adultery, love money, nor the world. He was only a member with no experience and no peace. So this is the trouble with the majority of church members today. They have no experience of Grace. So they have no peace.

The greatest need of the church and our nations is regeneration and naturally when all things become new, we will have peace, for we have received the nature of the Prince of peace.

Our Saviour's Birthday

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Pink Hill, N. C.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9: 6).

In this verse of Scripture, we have the promise of a Saviour for the world, as promised by Isaiah the prophet. In the fulfillment of this Scripture, Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. We well remember how Mary and Joseph sought a place in the Inns, and could not secure a place for Christ to be born. Oh, how He was born in a stable, laid in a manger, and was wrapped in swaddling clothes! We also know that a Star in the East guided the Wise Men to the place where the Christ Child lay, and they brought gifts and bowed down, and worshipped the little Christ Child.

King Herod was king of Judea at the time of the birth of Jesus, and he became worried because of the birth of a New Ruler, therefore, he sought to destroy the Christ Child. The Wise Men were told by the king to return unto him, and let him go and worship the Christ Child. But the Wise Men, being warned in a dream not to return unto the king, departed to their own country another way.

We know that nothing could have destroyed this Christ, because God intended that He should come to the world in the fullness of time according to the prophecy, as the Saviour of the world, and to die on the cross for the sins of the world. He was to rise and live again within our hearts. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us, how shall we not be with Him also if we will accept Him as our personal Saviour? If God loved us enough to give His Son for us, should we then not love Him with all our hearts? What should separate us from the love of God? Shall tribulations, or distress, or persecutions, or famines, or perils or the sword? Nay! In all these things we should become conquerors through Him that loved us. Nothing should be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jon. 3: 16). If God gave this Son who was born in Judea for us, should we not accept His love, and give Him our hearts, and live for Him that Christ might live and manifest himself in our lives? Should we not love God and keep His commandments? Christ says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

We know that this Child Jesus became a sacrifice for our sins, and gave Himself for the sins of the world, and is now risen, and is King upon God's throne. What shall we then give to Christ on this Christmas in celebration of His birthday? Shall we give Him our best? Shall we make Him a VOW to live for Him, rededicate our lives to His service? Shall we be willing to spend the time in His service on His birthday? Or shall we spend it in worldly things, going to worldly amusements? May we who are professed followers of this Saviour pause and make this decision on this Christmas: I will on this Christmas give my best to my Master, and let Him use me in the way that He would lead on this the celebration of our Lord and Master's birthday.

If we are not followers of this Saviour, and know Him not, may we accept Christ without delay, and give Him our best, which would be the greatest gift we could give our Saviour in return for what He has done for us.

SOME CHRISTMAS WORRIES

By Mrs. Ben Sutton,
Mt. Olive, N. C., Route 1

When Christmas dinner is over,
The dishes all cleared away,
When all the children gather
Out in the yard to play;
Then mother comes in, so worried and tired
From picking up toys over the house and yard.

She has not even had time to sit down
When Johnnie comes in with a grin and frown.
"Mama get a cloth and piece of string."
Oh yes, that new knife was just the thing.
Now those fingers are cut and bleeding bad.
"I'll lay that trick to your dear old Dad."

"Oh no, Mama, Santa Claus you see,
He brought this knife and gave it to me,
He never told me how sharp it would be."
"No, he never told you and you did not care.
There's no rest for Mother, no day in the year."

Now, there comes Sallie, "What's the trouble with you?"
"Mama, Mama, what shall I do?
Pain in the chest, very foul breath."
Mother's eyes go to the medicine chest.
"Run, bring a glass and the medicine spoon,
The medical aid must begin right soon."

There's nothing to do but eat and cram
Apples, oranges, jellies and jams.
You don't even know that this day's a token;
It's a miracle if you don't burst yourself open.

It's the birth of the Saviour, you hear folks whine,
They don't worship any thing of the kind.
They worship the Devil by eating, drinking and throwing away
The blessings God gives us Christmas Day.

The Christmas Gift

Mary D. Brine

You never could guess, though you tried a week,
What Santa Claus brought to our little boy,
With the dawn of the Christmas, glad and bright
When the soft, new snow was piled high and white,
And the bells were ringing for very joy.

It was only the night before that he
Had hung up his crimson stocking wee,
And, merrily nodding his golden head,
He snuggled deep down in his little bed,
As happy as ever a boy could be.

"Oh! there will be candy," he said, "I know,
And a good big drum, and some steam-cars, too;
But I want something that I've never had,
Something real new," said my four-year-old lad.
"I hope he will bring it, Mamma, don't you?"

Now, whether old Santa Claus heard him then
I really can't say; but next morning, when
Our little boy opened his happy eyes,
And the Christmas sun was high in the skies
The gladdest was he of all little men.

For better than candles, or drum, or cars
Was the gift that slumbered on Mamma's bed;
The little new sister for Jamie to love,
The Christmas present from Heaven above.
"Oh! I thank dear Santa Claus," Jamie said.

A CHRISTMAS DEVOTION FOR 1943

By Robert T. Nooe

Scripture

And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. St. Matthew 1: 23.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8: 31 and 37

Meditation

In a world, unknowing, blind, and unconsoled, let us thank God for Christmas. It remains a mark of everlasting light that no darkness can put out. It is a song on the air that all the winds of hate cannot silence. They bear its message even as they try to destroy it.

Christmas is the unveiling of God with us, a trysting time with a song, a star, and a Saviour. Still there are those who are dismayed by the coming of this season with its overflow of happy surprises and running laughter. Only those whose hearts have known sorrow and loneliness can understand. Yet, though merriment be denied, all of us with open hearts may receive blessedness in the peace that passeth understanding and the purpose for living that links our lives with the eternal. The Shepherds were afraid until they heard that unto them a Savior was born.

We cannot make Christmas. It is beyond all human architecture. Our hands did not fashion Him who from everlasting to everlasting is God. Our lips did not speak the Eternal Word into existence that became flesh and dwelt among men. Christmas, however, can make us as our minds are renewed in the freshness of its spirit. It never really comes until in adoration to the Highest and service to the lowliest we find that better than our plans and stronger than our frustrations is the purpose of the Eternal for our lives.

One of the tenderest stories in the Gospel of the Nativity is that of Simeon who waited long to see the salvation of the Lord in the promised One. At length there dawned the day when his very eyes saw the young child in the Temple, and his own arms held Him as he said: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

We may for our profit and even the world's advantage ask what we would like to live to see. Our swift and easy answers would run the gamut of hopes and hates. We all would like to live to see the end of the war, but beyond this is the making of a great peace. We all would like to live to see tyranny over the bodies and souls of men broken forever, but beyond this is the exploring of new paths of freedom through the highways of the world.

Christmas reveals the ideal as real. Its spirit is in the structure of the universe. Its truth is plowed into history. This Christmas would take us deeper and be different if we make answer to the question of what we would like to live to see in the light of the season we celebrate. Then as we come adoringly to the Holy Child of Bethlehem we would hallow in our thought and action the children of all races and nations of the world. Here is a possible clue to the wisest statesmanship. Here is judgment upon all the Herods of war and peace who for vaulting ambition or selfish gain slaughter the innocents by slow or swift degree. These little ones of the earth who have no language but a cry and no power to order the world into which they are brought sorely need friends who have the spirit of Him who said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." All our social schemes and all our plans for a brave, new world may well be tested by what they do for children of all races. For every child to have a fair chance to grow lithe of limb, nurtured of mind,

illumined of spirit, unafraid of the terror by night or the destruction that wasteth at morning as well as noonday is the logic of civilization and the fulfilment of the love of our Lord.

If the songs of the angels is not to mock us and leave us cold, we have need to see as in an undying dream and devotion a world made safe for children, infused with good will and established in righteousness.

Christmas is both a gift and a goal. By so much as we receive Him who gives us power to become and to overcome, God is with us. By so much as we give ourselves to the goal that all the forces of destructiveness cannot countermand, God is for us.

O Prince of Peace, thou bringer
of good tidings,
Teach us to speak the word of
hope and cheer,
Rest for the soul, and strength
for all men's striving,
Light for the path of life, and
God brought near.

LETTER FROM CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am sending this short message to the Baptist paper for the dear readers. I have been feeling well since I have been in the United States Army. Before being inducted into the Service, I joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Rose of Sharon in Beaufort County about three years ago, while the revival was being conducted in that church.

I am hoping everyone a very happy Christmas, and a good New Year. May the Lord bless everyone who believes on His holy name. May they go to the places of worship and hold services unto the Lord during the Christmas holiday season. May they do more good deeds all the days of their lives for His glory.

I am hoping the people of God will have happiness in their homes this coming Christmas season. May all Free Will Baptists maintain the faith as it is in Christ Jesus. I am hoping that everyone who believes in the good work of the Lord will do more for Him. The people of this nation should have more dealings with the Christian works than ever before, in times as we are having now in this great world war. I think that the war will have to be won by Christianity. If the people would do their best everywhere, then the war would probably not last very long. There should be Christian workers everywhere for the cause of Christ.

I am not looking forward for a very merry Christmas this time, but I hope that I will be feeling all right where I am in the U. S. Army on Christmas Day.

Yours in His name,

P. F. C. W. J. Roberson,
A. S. N. 34002915,
A. Btry, 561 F. A. Bn.,
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

THE CHRISTMAS DREAM

Eben E. Rexford

Last Christmas-time there was a lad
about as big as I
Who ate too much plum pudding and
likewise too much pie.
He went to bed, and oh, dear me!
what awful dreams he had
Because his stomach was so full and
felt so very bad.

He though a great big bird, as black
as ever crow could be,
Sat on the headboard of his bed and
watched him solemnly.
And when he groaned in awful pain,
this bird no one e'er saw
Spread out two big and fluttering
wings, and uttered "Caw! Caw!
Caw!"

He thought a giant came to him and
walked about his bed,
And put his fingers to his nose, and
wagged his frightful head.
Then o'er the footboard of the bed he
bent down very near,
And, "Would you like some pie?" he
said, and grinned from ear to ear.

The poor lad went to sleep again, and
what do you suppose?
He tried to scream; he tried to kick;
but not a sound made he,
He thought some most enormous rats
were nibbling at his toes.
For this unlucky lad was sick with
nightmare pains, you see.

He groaned, and woke. "Oh, dear!"
he said, "if things weren't made to
eat,
Why do they taste so awful good, so
tempting, and so sweet?"
Again he slept. The giant danced,
the rats fell at his toes,
As "Caw! Caw! Caw!" the big bird
screamed and grabbed him by the
nose.

He screamed, and then his mother
came, "Poor boy!" said she, "I
thought
That you would eat a great deal more
than any creature ought."
And then she gave the suffering lad
such horrid stuff to take;
He groaned and wondered which was
worse—the medicine or ache.

They gave him good advice next day.
He took it like a pill,
And what he said the night before,
the lad repeated still:
"Things hadn't ought to taste so
nice; for if a thing is good,
A boy don't know just when to stop,
and couldn't if he would."

CHRISTMAS CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear,
The glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good-will to
men,"
From heaven's all gracious King,
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing.

A Message for the Mothers

Dear Baptist Readers:

Recently, I have received some requests for articles to the Baptist paper. For the past five weeks I have been, as some would say, out on the desert of California with very little time for the news. I am completely surrounded by mountains. When I am tired, weary and lonely, I think of the words of the Psalmist, who said, "I lift my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." God is still near, if we but seek Him.

One night since I have been out here, and was in the hospital and could not sleep, the following thoughts came to mind. I have written them down in the form of a poem, thinking some of the Mothers everywhere have sons in the Armed Forces of our country. The poem is as follows:

To Mother

No one knows how much I miss my Mother,
How much I care, or how much I love her.
She's the greatest Pal I've ever had,
And, Gee, how much I love my Mother and Dad!

Weep not for the little boys of long ago,
Because at best into men they did grow.
One day we'll come back to Mom and Dad,
And make their hearts both happy and glad.

When the war's over we'll come back to you and home,
And from you we'll promise never more to roam.
We'll do our best to make you glad,
And you'll forget all the cares you ever had.

Each night to God, I say a prayer,
For you and Dad away back there.
You're an angel, Mother O'mine,
No better friend I'll ever find.

When you'll see the postman in his way,
Hurry out to meet him, happy and gay.
He'll have a message from your boy
Who is your pride and greatest joy.

Since I have received several letters from people who desire to know where my home church is, I will say that it is Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, in Beaufort County, North Carolina.

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Staff Sgt. Alton Paul, 34300656,
Co. B., 81st Med. Bn. (Armored)
A. P. O. 261, cfo Postmaster,
Los Angeles, Cal., U. S. Army

THE ISSUES OF LIFE

Text: Proverbs 4: 12: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The physical heart is the most important organ of the body and its care is a paramount consideration. When the heart stops life stops. An ever increasing number of persons are reported as dying of heart failure, and most of these result from excesses in eating and drinking and work and play and emotions. Moderation in all things is the remedy.

The heart has also long been regarded as the seat of the affections and the emotions; but the meaning of the word as used in the text is the whole soul or mind.

Psychologists usually divide the soul into three parts or functions: the intellect, the sensibilities and the will. All these need to be kept with all diligence. Right thinking based on correct knowledge must be the foundation of correct living. Some one has said that it is better not to know so much than to know so much that isn't true. There has always been a great deal of teaching of the type of that of the obliging pedagogue who declared his willingness to teach that the world is round or flat as his employers might desire.

It requires considerable courage to be independent in thought, since one who arrives at the real truth and declares it, if not compelled to drink the poison hemlock, is very likely to lose his job and be ostracized.

Richter says, "The wish falls often warm upon my heart, that I may learn nothing here that I cannot continue in the other world."

Perhaps it is still more difficult to regulate the emotions. To love what one ought to love, and hate what one ought to hate, and yet neither to love nor to hate excessively, is a difficult matter. To rejoice over that which is good, and to grieve for that which is evil, and still not be overcome by too great joy or sorrow is not easy.

But hardest of all is the proper control of the will. One may think correctly, and have excellent control of the emotions, but without mastery of the will, little can be accomplished. Most people know what is right, and their emotions are kindly but they lack the force of will to do what they know they ought to do, and really want to do. The old French saying, "Vouloir c'est pouvoir," has much truth in it, but the will must be dynamic and persistent.

No wonder that the text admonishes us to keep the heart with all diligence, for it is a hard job. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." But if we open our hearts to the one who declares that he stands at the door and knocks he will help us to control our thoughts, our feelings and our wills. To let Jesus come into our hearts is the only way to keep them properly.

The issues of life are from the heart; not from externals such as wealth or poverty, fame or obscurity, wisdom or ignorance, heaven or hell.

Most of us are seeking happiness in foolish ways. We are wildly pursuing material things. We desire fine houses to live in, and servants to wait on us. We think we must have fine cars to ride in, and expensive clothes to wear. We rush to shows, clubs, dances and parties. We drink intoxicating liquors and chew and smoke tobacco. We hunt and fish and engage in all kinds of sports.

Happiness never comes and never can come from any of these things, nor from any other external things. Out of the heart are the issues of life. If we keep our hearts with such diligence that our thoughts are clean and pure, and our emotions are sane and benevolent, and our wills are strong and unyielding, we shall have within us an unfailing source of joy and satisfaction, whatever our surroundings may be.

"Above the scenes of storm and strife,
There spreads a region fair;
Give me to live that higher life,
And breathe that heavenly air.

"Come, Holy Spirit, breathe that peace,
That victory make me win;
Then shall my soul her conflict cease,
And find a heaven within."

—Sent in by Mrs. Bryson Howard, Pink Hill, N. C., RFD 1.

SIX PILLARS OF PEACE

By Harry Emerson Fosdick

The "Six Pillars of Peace" are clear enough so far as major aims are concerned. Forward-looking people want continuing political and economic cooperation between the United Nations and, as soon as possible, between all nations, with an international organization of some sort flexible to change and strong enough to control armaments, to provide security against war, to gain increasing autonomy for subject peoples, and progressively to win for all men religious and intellectual liberty.

Two major facts, however, confront such hopes: first, the impossibility at this present time of blueprinting in detail their political implementations; and second, the need of a sustained, constant, and urgent pressure of public opinion, tirelessly insisting, through thick and thin, that the implementation must be found.

Let us not fool ourselves! The closer the military victory of the United Nations comes, the more complicated and difficult loom postwar problems. Certainly, if a just and durable peace is to be won, only a vigilant, insistent public opinion that never gets tired and that refuses to quit can win it.

Nowhere is this fact more important than in the United States. Despite the obvious insanity of isolationism, we are likely to face after victory a war-weary popular reaction, with certain politicians ready to take advantage of it, threatening us with a repetition of our folly after the last war. Indeed, nothing can prevent that tragedy except a ground swell of public sentiment too strong to be resisted and too determined to be tired out.

To be sure, we may have in Washington an administration and a Congress sincerely committed to international collaboration, but, even so, dissensions within the nation and discouragements without are certain to be immense, furnishing to weak knees an excuse for giving way and to shortsighted self-interest an argument for another try at the idiotic policy of intervention in war and isolation in peace. Even an internationally minded President and Congress will get nowhere without the prodding, sustaining pressure of public demand and support.

The Christian churches ought to play a major part in supplying this indispensable popular backing for constructive internationalism. Until victory is won war is bound to be thought of chiefly as the means by which we overthrow our enemies. When the victory is gained, Christians, at least, ought to see that if any decent, humane, and Christian possibilities are to be open to our children, war itself is the major enemy that must be overthrown. And that can be achieved only by a patient, long-sustained, sacrificial devotion to the great adventure for whose basic principles the "Six Pillars of Peace" stand.

Society's major gains have commonly come from the confluence of two factors: first, ideals that blaze the trail out toward a better day; and second, realistic facts that make the status quo obviously ruinous to man's happiness and prosperity. The abolition of human slavery was at first an ideal; afterwards it became clear that as a matter of realistic self-interest slave labor was economically bad business for all concerned. Only when those two factors pulled and pushed in the same direction did the system of human slavery break down.

We have reached that stage with reference to isolated nationalism, balance-of-power politics, and war. That whole system is not only ethically wrong but practically suicidal. Our best ideals of humanity as one family and the realistic facts of war's hideous self-destructiveness are now massed on the same side of the issue. Sooner or later that combined pull and push are going to force us to an internationally organized world. If we will have it so, that can at least begin to happen in our generation.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the many friends and the Women's Auxiliary for their kindness shown to me in helping me while I was in the Free Will Baptist School at Nashville, Tennessee. I received many blessing while I was there in school.

The school is a wonderful place for young men and women to go for excellent religious instruction. Those who desire training in Christian education will do well to attend the school in Nashville.

The reason I had to quit school was because of poor health. My doctor advised me to leave school on account of bad health. If anyone should like to know the amount of the offerings I received while in school, please write Mrs. Fannie E. Polston, Nashville, Tennessee.

I am asking that the Christian people please pray for me that I may get well, and be able to do more for the Master's cause.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Gladys F. Beane,
Bethel F. W. B. Church,
Kinston, North Carolina

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Middlesex, N. C.

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Ayden F. W. B. Sunday School	1.00
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Hansley's Chapel	25.25
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Homer's Chapel Sunday School	3.00
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Second Union Western Association	15.00
Luther Raper	1.75
Auction Sale Receipts	193.90
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Z. C. Bissette (Baling Hay)	15.00
Luther Raper (Baling Hay)	15.00
Core Creek	10.00
F. W. B. Missionary Society	2.00
Free Union League	2.25
J. B. Ferrell	6.42
Concert Class Receipts— 28th week	408.81
Daily's Church	10.00
Auction Sale (pigs)	70.00
Cape Fear Convention— (Chapel Fund)	74.00
Edgemont Missionary Society	20.00
Central Conference	19.31
Dublin Grove Baptist Church	25.00
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Edgemont Church	20.00
Mr. Massey	10.00
Edgemont Church	15.00
St. Mary's Grove Church	10.00
Edgemont Church	1.00
Morehead City F. W. B. S. S.	11.12
Oak Grove Church	25.00
Marsh Swamp Church	10.00
Greenville S. S.	10.62
Sweet Gum Grove Church	55.00
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Elwood Lane Sunday School	5.00
Core Creek Sunday School	20.00
Morehead City L. A. S.	5.00
Powhatan Church	35.00
Sneads Ferry Sunday School	1.50
Greenville F. W. B. Church & S. S.	11.57
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Carteret County Union	43.55
Central Conference	339.87
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White Oak Church	5.90
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I SAW HIM HANGING THERE

By P. F. C. Viron Earl Minchew

It was on one cold dark day I saw Him hanging there, and He wore a smile on His tear-stained face. He knew that He was dying for a race that was wicked, and they were in despair. They put thorns on His head, and made Him bear His cross all alone. They nailed Him to the cross, and He died that your soul might not be lost.

Yes, I saw Him hanging there, and I heard Him cry, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Then He gave up the ghost, and in three days He arose from the grave, and showed His side. Yes, He proved that He was the Crucified One. His word is true, for He died for me and you, but He is coming back again for the tried and the true ones. Though the number may be but a few.

Sinner, will you open your ears, and hear Him as He is calling for you? He is calling for all to come home and be saved. I am sure you would if you could see him hanging there.

St. Claire Bible Class

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JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

(Lesson for January 2)

Lesson: Mark 1: 9-22.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Golden Text: **Repent ye, and believe the gospel.** Mark 1: 15.

A policeman was standing at a point of duty at the crossroads of a university town. It was the beginning of term, and many freshmen were coming up that morning. One of these crossed the road, and going up to our friend, asked, "Policeman, can you tell me the way to Jesus?" and in an instant he had replied, "Thank God, I can sir. You go by the way of the Cross, and you keep straight on." The student gazed at him a moment in astonishment, and then, with a confused look, said, "You know very well what I mean. I mean Jesus College." "Oh, for that, sir, you still go straight on and turn to the right." The freshman hurriedly turned away. Later on, in the distance coming toward him was the freshman, and as he got nearer he seemed to hesitate, and then, suddenly growing bold, he once more crossed the road to our friend. "Policeman, may I shake hands and thank you for what you told me a little while back? You are the only one who has ever spoken to me about these things, and I do thank you." And in his bright way our friend replied, "Don't thank me, sir; thank the Master whom I serve. I am only the messenger."—The Christian Herald.

One of the "All"

After the evening service at the mission, the preacher was hurrying away to a late train. He had just three minutes in which to catch it. Fortunately, the station was close at hand. A gentleman came running after him. "Oh, sir," said he, breathlessly, as he came up, "can you speak to me? I am very anxious about my soul." "Well," replied the missioner, "my train is just here, and it is the last one; but look up Isaiah 53: 6. Go in at the first 'all,' and go out af the last 'all.' Good night." The gentleman stood staring after him until he disappeared into the station, and then he muttered, "Go in at the first 'all,' and go out at the last 'all.' What does it mean?" When he arrived at home he got down a Bible. He turned to the text and read these words: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." "Go in at the first 'all,'" he repeated. "'All we like sheep have gone astray.' I am to go in with that 'all.' Yes, I see. It just means I am one of those who have gone astray. And go out with the last 'all.' 'The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.' I see. Yes, I am to go out free with those whose iniquity has been laid on Christ." That short, pithy comment brought, by the Holy Spirit, light and peace to that man's conscience and heart, and he rejoiced in Christ as his Saviour.—The Christian Herald.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. We can be sure that Mark's Gospel is true, for it begins by recognizing Jesus as the Son of God (vs. 1).

2. God still sends human messengers to introduce Jesus Christ to men (vs. 2).

3. The human voice is put to its best use when it makes Christ known (vs. 3).

4. Not baptism but Blood accomplishes the remission of sins (vs. 4; comp. Heb. 9: 22).

5. Shallow conversions sometimes follow even after sound preaching (vs. 5).

6. God's messenger does not seek to impress men with his own greatness (vs. 6).

7. God's true messenger always points to One greater than himself (vs. 7).

8. Man can baptize with water, but only God can baptize with the Holy Ghost (vs. 8).

9. Jesus took His place among sinful men in order to deliver them from sin (vs. 9).

10. Christ's coming and death (symbolized by baptism, has opened Heaven for us (vs. 10).

11. God's words of approval are a sweet reward for obedience (vs. 11).

12. Testings will come even to those in whom God is well pleased (vs. 12).

13. Testings will result in triumph when we are well-pleasing to God (vs. 13).

14. Persecution and prison cannot prevent the preaching of the Gospel (vs. 14).

15. The time is always ripe for the proclamation of the Gospel (vs. 15).

16. The preaching of the Gospel requires the service of men whom Christ calls (vss. 16-20).

17. Fishing for men is much harder work than catching fish (vs. 17).

18. Efficient soul-winning can be done only when it is made the supreme aim in one's life (vs. 18).

19. Devotion to Christ must supersede love for one's family if he would serve Him acceptably (vss. 19, 20).

20. There should not be long deliberation but prompt response when Christ calls to service (vs. 20).

21. Christ's doctrine ranks high above every other doctrine in the world (vss. 21, 22).

22. These, and other vital truths, are fully developed in our **Advanced** and **Senior** Quarterlies.

III. Please Remember

1. To read Mark 1: 1-31 several times.

2. To pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal the truths you need to you.

3. To pray for victory over laziness and untruthfulness. Don't go to class with the pitiful excuse that you were too busy to study the lesson.

4. To ask others to go to the Bible School with you.

5. To practice in your daily life what you learn from the lesson.

6. To memorize the Golden Text so you can give it without looking it up in the quarterly.

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Colquitt, Ga.

There are many Christmas gifts that people think are dear,
But there is one that is always near.
It is the Holy Son that was sent from above
To lead the world into peace, joy and love.

This gift should be the greatest one in sight,
For it has been the world's shining light.
He is the One that we should believe,
For He is the best gift we'll ever receive.

We can think our gifts are very nice,
But there is not one that compares with our Christ.
Because He is the One we should trust and obey,
For He will lead us in the right way.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

Christmas Greeting

This is to say to all our friends throughout the country, "God bless you and all yours, during this Christmas, in a special way and continued blessings throughout the New Year."

I Am Looking for Jesus

As the days of sorrow increase and perplexity of mind in the lives of the various individuals with whom I come in contact, together with all that I read about, in the news, and further with the fulfillment of prophecy on the "Second coming of our Lord," I am fully convinced that the appearing of the Lord Jesus to catch up His church draweth nigh.

Some of His Promises

Christ made many promises, Himself of His literal return. Here are some of them:

"When the son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matt. 25: 31).

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (14: 3).

The first Scripture mentioned above is to be fulfilled after the fulfillment of the latter (John 14: 3). This promise of "preparing a place and coming again" is to take His church; the "body of Christ" to the heavenly abode. Paul says, when speaking of this appearing of the Lord Jesus, "For this I say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4: 15-17).

From a careful study of God's word we find that those who are "caught up" at this time is not only the church saints but all those who have been saved of all dispensations. These are they that are spoken of as having part in the first resurrection.

"Behold I shew you a mistory; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible" (I Cor. 1: 51, 52).

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20: 6).

Well, when we look about us and see the tidal wave of sin and wholesale destruction; then when we listen to the cry of the nations of the world, we are ready to say, with John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Lest We Forget

Have you made that offering to the ORPHANAGE YET? December will soon be gone.

Boys and Girls Corner

"WHAT'S CHRISTMAS, REALLY?"

"What's Christmas, really?" Peggy Lou asked. "School is going to be out two weeks on account of it, but what makes it that important? We never celebrated Christmas, did we, Mother?"

"Stage folks do not have much time to celebrate holidays because that is when some people are more apt to come to the show."

"Mother, how did we happen to be on the stage? None of the other children at school ever have been."

"I met an actor when I was young, and, though my family disapproved of him, I ran away and married him. He trained me to be in his vaudeville act because there is no place on the stage for anyone extra. Traveling is expensive. I had to earn my way, too, and when you were little you were put on, also. You never went to regular school because, as we were usually in a different town each week, the truant officer never caught up with us. I taught you what I knew and you were small for your age, and smart at your reading. Now, this winter, I've stopped and put you in school for the first time because—"

Peggy Lou knew why—because her father was dead. He had been sick a long time, but, due to the rules of the stage, he had worked even when he was sick, and had not taken proper care of himself. Now he was gone. He had left a small annuity insurance policy; so they settled down in one room in a large city while Peggy Lou went to school. Even as young as Peggy Lou was, she realized that the stage was a hard life. It had already robbed her of much, of her father, of having a regular home such as other children had, of being in the same grade as the other girls, and now she was learning she had been robbed of Christmas. "Mother, tell me about Christmas."

"You have to learn about Christmas in Sunday School."

"A Sunday School? I've never been there. Can we go? Does it cost anything?"

"No, and you shall go Sunday." Peggy Lou's mother would not go, but Sunday found Peggy Lou, for the first time in her life, in a Sunday School. It was only two blocks from their room. Peggy Lou thought it a happy place, but a strange one. All the songs were new to her. As it was the Sunday before Christmas the teacher told them about the birth of Christ. Peggy Lou listened enthralled. It was the first time she ever had heard about the Lord Jesus. After the lesson, the girls talked about the Christmas program they were going to have.

"Would you like to come?" Doris, one of the girls, invited.

"Is it on Christmas?"

"No, Christmas is on Friday this year, and we are to have the program the Sunday after Christmas, because, on Christmas everyone wants to be with his family."

"What if they don't have a family?" Peggy Lou asked.

"Oh," Doris said. She was suddenly conscious that there were two sides to Christmas. The Christmas of the saved in Christ, and the Christmas of the unsaved. She had heard of the unsaved. What was Christmas like to them? "What do you usually do on Christmas?"

"We usually work, but this year we have no work and I thought we might celebrate Christmas, but we don't know much of it."

"The Lord will show you how to celebrate," Doris promised.

"You mean Jesus, whom the teacher told about? Do you think so?" Peggy Lou was happy at the thought.

"I'm sure!"

When Peggy Lou returned to her mother in the one shabby room they called home, the chances of celebrating Christmas seemed very limited, for at dinner her mother asked, "Which will you have, butter or jelly on your bread?"

"We must be getting near the end of the month."

"It is only the twentieth, but taking you to the clinic for your teeth was hard on the budget. It's beans the rest of the month for us."

"Okay, skip the butter then," Peggy Lou decided. She was used to going without. Only when their small annuity came at the first of the month could she have both on her bread. That was a luxury.

Christmas Eve, Peggy Lou and her mother sat by the window and watched the people pass by with their packages. "My, they have lots of bundles," Peggy Lou remarked, remembering that Doris had said the Lord would provide a Christmas for her, also.

"Yes, darling, and I'm sorry I won't be able to buy you anything for Christmas." Peggy Lou's mother was worried about food for them for Christmas Day. They had no friends in this strange city where she was trying to show her daughter how normal people live, and her money was nearly gone.

"I don't mind, Mother. You've done enough for me, letting me go to school as the other girls do, and now to Sunday School, and next Sunday when they have their program, we'll make that our Christmas, only—"

"But I would like you to have a real Christmas such as I used to have when I was a child, before I went after worldly things, and spoiled my own life, and robbed you of your childhood. At Christmas we used to have all we needed and presents besides."

There was a knock on the door.

"Who could that be?" Peggy Lou asked as she ran and opened the door.

Doris, with her arms full of bundles, and also a woman with her arms full, too, stood there. The woman looked anxiously at Peggy Lou's mother and said, "Oh, I hope you'll understand, but this is Doris' idea. She talked to your little girl at Sunday School, and somehow she got the idea you weren't going to have much of a Christmas. She insisted upon taking her Christmas money, and some I gave her, and bring you a Christmas. She watched your daughter walk down the street to see where she lived. I do hope you understand, as I did not want to crush in her the desire to help someone else."

Tears came to Peggy Lou's mother's eyes. God was so good for forgiving her many years of wandering, by providing Christmas for her

child. Well, those years of wandering were over! She would again seek the Lord. She had been afraid that the Christians would condemn her for bringing her child up on the stage. She realized, as she looked into the face of this Christian woman, that the past would mean nothing once she got right with God. "You did right to encourage Doris. Kindness never offends anyone. We really would have had nothing if Doris hadn't tried to live what she was taught in Sunday School. Next Sunday I myself shall go."

Doris beamed.

"Mother, I know what Christmas is, really," Peggy Lou exclaimed.

"What is it, dear?"

"Christmas is really giving, isn't it?"

"It is giving because of Christ," Doris said.

"It is giving," Doris' mother answered, "because that is when we are reminded that God gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Since then we have given things to one another, but He gave the greatest Gift of all when He gave Christ to come into the world to die on the Cross for our sins."

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DEAR LITTLE BABE

Fannie E. Davidson

Dear little Babe we love to tell,
That You came down to this earth to dwell,
Leaving Thy Heavenly home on high,
Coming to earth so that You could die,
Freeing our souls from a sinner's hell.

Deep in our hearts there's a ringing bell,
Chiming Thy love will all else excel,
Anthems of praise waft to Thee on high(Dear little Babe.

Christmas a message of hope foretells,
Glorious days beyond Jordan's swell,
May we Thy Name ever glorify,
Know Thy rich grace that will satisfy,
May the glad chorus in all hearts well, Dear little Babe.

—The Youth's Visitor.

THE CHILDREN'S DAY

J. R. Murray

Yes, Christmas is the children's day,
Lo, all the world is blessed.
'T'was the children Jesus took
And in His arms caressed.

He loves the little children best,
To them His care is given;
He blesses some of us on earth,
And some in His sweet Heaven.

We may not understand it now,
His life of love and duty;
But we shall know it when we see
The king in all His beauty.

So we will love the precious gift
Sent down to us from Heaven,
And try to do His blessed will,
To whom all praise be given.

O Christmas day, O children's day,
O precious, precious story!
For them we'll sing the Saviour's praise,
Till we shall sing in glory.

MY PRAYER

By Edith Gunderson

I would be Thy empty vessel,
Blessed Saviour, full of Thee!
That Thy wondrous, living waters
May in fullness flow through me—
Thus the thirsty and the needy
Satisfied, restored shall be!

I would be Thy harp, Lord Jesus,
Mutely yielded to Thy will!
That sweet harmonies may vibrate
From Thy touch of matchless skill,
So may sing Thy glorious praises
Those who sorrow and are still!

I would be Thy lamp, Lord Jesus,
With my window clean and bright,
That through me Thy rays of glory
May dispel earth's darkest night—
Thus the wandering and the lonely
Shall rejoice in Thy blest light!

So, dear Saviour, with Thy beauty
And Thy love my life invest!
Cleanse me, Master, fit and use me
In what form Thou seest best—
That through me by grace eternal
Souls shall find Thy joy and rest!

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A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

O Lord, in thy tender mercy,
Hear my pleading prayer.
Bless that little country church
And fill my vacant chair.
In memory I often linger,
Though their voices I cannot hear;
Sometimes I feel their presence,
Lord,
When they speak my name in prayer.

Bless this Sunday morning,
The choir as they sing
The sweetest music ever written
To praise thy Holy name;
"How Firm a Foundation,"
"The Old Rugged Cross,"
"Bringing in the Sheaves,"
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In each Sunday school
They group about, too,
To study thy word,
And sometimes shout.
Juniors, intermediates, seniors,
May in every class there be
Knowledge given them, O Lord,
Just how to live for Thee.

Bless the pastor, too, I pray;
In divine wisdom may he stand
To preach Thy blessed gospel
To the lost and Christian man;
That America may awaken
To stout hearted Christian men,
And lift high Thy banner
In mission to other lands.

In benediction to their service
I would that I could be there.
Lord bless their very efforts
And fill my vacant chair
With some sinner saved by grace
In their Sunday school today;
Let us live this life for thee
As no other life will ever pay.

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I do not ask that God will keep all storms away;
But this I pray; when thunders roar and lightnings play,
He'll shelter me.

Weak though I am, I dread not now the tempter's hour
My Saviour then will be my shield; I know His power;
He'll strengthen me.

When I must cross the river to that other realm,
No fear I'll know if Christ is near and holds the helm.
He'll pilot me.

Then when I stand before the judge at that white throne—
Guilty? Ah, yes! but bought by Christ; He knows His own;
He'll plead for me.

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DOING GOD'S WILL

I should like to say to the good readers of the Baptist paper that we are taking it, and I want to say that it looks like the disappointed soldier was enough to change any father or mother's heart. In fact, it was a meaningful letter, and one which moved my heart and soul when I read it. It made me say to my God to help and bless him, and also everyone on the battle field.

My heart's desire is to do God's will. Although I'm weak, yet the Lord says that He can strengthen us. I am asking the readers to remember me and my home in your prayers. Below is a song which I composed. The thought is taken from the sixth chapter of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

GOD'S WARNING

Listen, dear children, obey your parents in the sight of the Lord, for it is right,
Honor thy father and mother, for they may have to leave you before the night.

Fathers, provoke not your children, bring them up as they should go,
For 'tis pleasing with the Lord to keep them, this you well know.

Servants, be obedient to your masters, according to flesh and fear,
For in His heart he'll receive you, and you'll always find Him there.

Put on the whole armour of Jesus that you'll be able to stand,
If you will trust Him, He will hear you, reach out and take you by the hand.

Knowing that our Master's in heaven, preparing a place for you,
Dear children, be obedient to your parents, for He will carry you through.

Jesus is no respecter of persons, this I've read, for it is true,
He will make known to you all things, so know this it is left up to you.

You must have on the breastplate of righteousness,
And your feet shod with the gospel of peace.

You must be filled with the fruits of goodness,
And speak when the Lord says speak.

In Ephesians we're told to be truthful, and always stand the test,
Put on the breastplate of righteousness, and we'll come out with God in the best.

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Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

EDITORIAL

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT—

From the requests made to us during the last several months, the Baptist readers want more original spiritual messages to be published in the columns of the Free Will Baptist paper. They are seeking spiritual food in prose and poetry, coming directly from the hearts and pens of active Christians. They are not sufficiently satisfied with Union, Auxiliary, League, Sunday School, Mission reports, which are finding their rightful places in the columns of the Baptist paper from time to time. On the other hand, they are hungering for the spiritual messages, fresh from the souls of those who are zealous for the Lord's work, but who seem not to find time to write to the church paper.

Suffice it to say, the editor is in hearty accord with these readers of the Baptist paper. He is always desirous of receiving splendid spiritual messages from both the ministry and the laity of the church. It is the happy privilege of Christian people to contribute their spiritual messages to the church paper whenever they are impressed to do so for the glory of God, and the good of the church people at large. The editor, therefore, solicits the co-operation of both the laity and the ministry of the church to make worthy contributions to the church paper whenever they feel impressed to submit messages for publication in the Baptist paper. After all, it is the church people who make the church paper what it really should be.

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WHAT THE DENOMINATION SHOULD HAVE—

The past history of the Free Will Baptist Church in America shows that inadequate church records have been kept during the past decades. Who is responsible for this inadequacy of church records? The answer is simple: It has been due to the lack of proper church organization, both local and national. Sufficient emphasis has not been placed upon this all important thing within the bounds of the Free Will Baptist Church. Published minutes of Annual State Church organizations have been far short of being complete, with respect to proper facts and figures essential for an adequate understanding of the worth and wealth of the Free Will Baptist Church. The ministry and the laity, in the past decades, were most assuredly the blame for the indifference shown in this one respect of the Free Will Baptist Church in the United States. They had failed to set up proper organizations through which proper records could have been made.

But, with the proper functioning of the National Association of the denomination, and also with the co-operation of the local and State Organized Church bodies with the National Body, there is certain to come in the very near future better record-making and keeping of the work, of the worth and wealth of the Free Will Baptist Church in America. The alert ministry of today will see to it, we believe, that the ever increasing church people of the denomination will make and keep adequate church records both for the denominational purposes, and for the Federal Government's statistical reports. All the way from the local church through the district, State and National organizations, each recording secretary or clerk will be required to make and keep adequate financial and statistical records, so that an Annual Denominational Statistical Manual can be compiled for future use. We repeat, such has been greatly needed during the past history of the denomination, and many church leaders are now looking forward to having this work begun in the very near future.

THE NEED IS GREAT—

The need for renewed efforts on the part of the ministry and the laity, to draw to God the unchurched and disinterested people, living in many of the church communities over the country, is certainly great today. It is plainly evident, by the lack of interest and concern for God's work, that there are large numbers of people in such communities who need to be reached in some way, and led to the Church of the living God. In some instances, personal visits of pastors and consecrated church members in the homes of many of the unchurched and disinterested people would do good. Heart to heart talks to such people would, we believe, have a good influence upon many, and lead them to see their great mistake in neglecting their duty to Almighty God.

The truth is, many people have stayed away from religious services so long that they have no interest in what the church is doing. Their minds dwell on other things on the Lord's Day. Many of them are respectable citizens, nevertheless, and should be shown, in the light of God's Word, that they are wasting time, and are neglecting the greatest duty of their lives. Moreover, they are standing in the way of many a child and young person because of the attitude which they are manifesting among the people among who they live. Certainly, they are not justified, neither before God nor man, for the way they are living without salvation, and with no hope of eternal life after they have lived out their lives here upon earth. Consequently, the truth of God's Word should be sincerely impressed upon their minds by alert pastors and loyal church members. Christ's gospel is a personal gospel, and unchurched and disinterested people often have to be reached by the "Go ye spirit." Christ reached many in His day by that friendly, personal touch, and many pastors and church workers can influence today many to turn to God and righteousness by friendly visits, and heart to heart talks.

Sin of Procrastination or Middle Sin

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

First, I want us to take into consideration the life of the great apostle Paul, (Acts 9). In his life we see the awfulness and destructiveness of the sins of omission and commission put into action through the life of a man. This man was none other than Paul, number one with a mind to destroy the church and to silence Christians everywhere he went, even unto death. But with him we find a broad mind. Even when he served the Devil he was open. He never denied he was against God, but one day he arrested, tried, and put to death a man so powerful and beautiful with a prayer on his dying lips for his enemies, of which Paul was chief. This life seized Paul. His simple prayer pierced his heart and he found himself under conviction.

Now we come to the text, **"The Sin of Procrastination."** We find Paul facing this sin. For the first time something had Paul and Paul had something that made him miserable. Only one thing would give relief. That was an open confession—not put it off, but decide what to do, and do what he decided.

Now to the readers of this message, "Have you dealt squarely with yourselves as this great man did, or have you stopped at conviction and living the "Sin of Procrastination, or the Middle sin?" As it was with Paul, so it is with us. We are facing justice. A religion without an experience will not stand at the judgment.

At the cross roads, out a little way from Damascus, Paul had an experience, a change of heart, soul, and mind. He didn't change his course. He changed weapons. It seemed like the people were looking for him and were afraid of him, but, praise God, the change had taken place. There was a new name written down in Glory.

Now from this sacred spot we find Paul, number two, a lover of the church and a blessing to the church which he cursed and persecuted only yesterday. Isn't it wonderful how God's grace works? But it works!

I believe that if a few in each of our churches would get away from this sin of procrastination and make open confession—change weapons as Paul did—that we could see the power demonstrated as of old. The power was only promised to those who receive him. We can pray for a "Pentecostal revival" the rest of our natural lives, and until we receive the giver of revivals and of power, our prayers will not be answered. The only thing unusual about the one hundred and twenty was they had received Christ. Christ was in each of their hearts. They had power. They were chosen vessels, and so are we if we will receive Christ.

Peter never cursed any more. He kept his head and never went back. Why? Because he received Jesus in his heart. A lot of people are trying to justify themselves in sin by referring to Peter. Brother, if you will show me where Peter committed a sin after Pentecost, I will eat the book. Why? Because he had received Jesus in his heart and what was sufficient for Paul is sufficient for us. Jesus is our sufficiency.

Yes, Paul number two was faithful all the way from the crossroads to the chop-block. To do this he gave up the world and so will we, if we see the power demonstrated as of old, "For there is nothing new," said the Book.

"Without him was not anything made that was made." So, Brother, Sister, decide wisely. Ask God to help you decide. Remember, he said, "If you like wisdom, ask of God who giveth liberally and never turneth away." Yes, decide as for Eternity. Surely we can afford to follow the one with all power. He it was who said, "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Brother, the door is open wide and the table is spread. A square meal is awaiting you. Don't be foolish and never be satisfied, as most of the church members are today, for they have themselves fooled. God has provided a square meal for his people, a satisfying portion, a knowledge of the truth. We find an open door, also an invitation. "The Spirit and the bride say Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22: 17). With your knowledge and mind of reason, ask yourself this question, **"Where will I spend eternity?"**

THE CAUSE AND CURE OF DISCOURAGEMENT

By Rev. Ray W. Allman
Kannapolis, N. C.

"And Jousha said, alas, O Lord God Wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the land of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan." (Joshua 7: 7).

Men in general are more or less subject to discouragement. There are various causes for this condition, but none of them ever come from God. The Devil is the author of discouragement, and I think one of his greatest tools of today is to get a Christian discouraged. There are reasons why we should resist discouragement.

1. It unfits us for service. No one who is discouraged can accomplish anything for Christ, because he is disinterested in the work. We must have a sincere love for Christ and a burden for lost souls before we can accomplish anything for him.

2. It unfits us for leadership. One discouraged Christian can discourage

many others. A discouraged Christian can not successfully lead any group of people.

3. It hinders our usefulness. No discouraged Christian is worth very much in the work of Christ. No discouraged person can be at his best in anything.

4. It discounts God's promises. God has promised to be with us even unto the end of the world. He has promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us, yet many times I'm afraid we forget these promises. I believe if we as Christians today would keep the promises of God ever before us, we could keep off discouragement many times.

There are some individual causes for discouragement. Sin in the camp was the cause of Joshua's discouragement. God had been with him in his battles, but now seemingly God had turned his back on him. Sin in our lives many times keep the blessings of God from us. Jousha realized something was wrong, and he fell upon his face and began to cry out to God. God spoke to him and told him that Israel had sinned, and taken of the accursed thing. Therefore, God's blessings could not be on them. The cure was found in putting away sin.

Another way we may become discouraged is being self-willed. Many times we want to go in our on will, instead of going in the will of God. Jonah was self-willed when he was called to go to Nineveth. He wanted to go in his own way, and he paid the fare thereof and went down. And certainly he did pay the fare, he had to spend three days in the belly of the whale. Many times we disobey God and have the fare to pay. No one can get by without paying the fare when they disobey God. Jonah could not understand why he was called to do such a great task. Many times we are called to do things we cannot understand at the time we are called, but afterwards we can see, and understand.

We can find the cure by perfect summission unto clearer vision. Many times we want to walk by sight, but the Christian walk is by faith, not by sight. David became discouraged because of persecution (Psalm 42: 10). I think that this is probably one of the greatest causes of individual disciuragement. We are being persecuted today, and will continue to be persecuted as long as we live in this world. Christ said, "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also." Those who live godly lives shall suffer persecution. So we need not expect anything but to suffer persecution. One thing that I am glad of is that Christ said that he would not have us tempted above what we were able to bear, but with the temptation make a way of escape. The cure is hope and confidence in God.

All discouragement vanishes when we slip away in some secret place and have a talk with Jesus. One who knows more about us than we know about ourselves. There are some general causes for discouragement.

1. There are many people today who brood over the past. Paul said, "Forgetting the things behind, I press forward toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus."

Many become discouraged because of their own failures, but as for me, I would much rather make a failure for God than a success for the Devil. We will make a success out of the Christian life if we will keep our eyes on Jesus. Peter walked on the water as long as he keept his eyes on Jesus, but when he looked back and saw the boisterous waves, he became discouraged and began to sink. Some become discouraged because of the failure of others, but I am determined to see what is at the end of the way. We should not let the failure of others affect us. We should look to God and trust in him. The Devil will put many things in our pathway to discourage us, but we can have the victory over him if we will put our hope and trust in God. The Devil has more power than we have, but God has more power than the Devil, so dear friend, if you are discouraged, just remember to look up; never look down. Put your faith and trust in God, the only one who can keep the joy bells ringing in your soul.

REPORT FROM GLENNVILLE, GA.

By Gladys Lewis

In a recent conference we resolved to report, through the Baptist, some of the activities of our church. We read with interest reports of work from other sections, and plan to write to the paper occasionally.

Our pastor, Rev. E. C. Morris, has been with us one year, and is doing a great work here. We feel sure that the many friends of Brother and Mrs. Morris elsewhere will be glad to know they are doing well. We hope our association, with them in the Lord's great service, may last many years.

We have extended to Brother Morris a call for an indefinite time. Heretofore it has been our custom to make an annual call, and on a certain date. We gladly accept the new plan, and believe we shall be pleased with it.

It is understood that, if for any reason the pastor cares to go to another work, he is to notify the church ninety days in advance. And if the church sees fit to make a change, we are to give the pastor ninety days notice.

For several months we have been planning, working and looking forward to beautifying the interior of our church building. During this time, even though it has been difficult to get material, we have a great deal of the work done. The overhead has been reworked with celotex, and the walls with sheet rock, which is a beautiful combination. The sheetrock will be finished in ivory, and the wood work in light oak. The work is still in progress and we expect to have a new floor in the entire auditorium when it is finished.

He will keep the feet of his saints. I Sam. 2: 9.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Psa. 17: 5.

OUR SECOND CELEBRATION

(A Christmas message delivered by the Pastor, Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, to Bethel Church, Kinston, N. C. on the occasion of their celebration of Christmas 1943. Condensed for the readers of the Baptist.)

It is with happy hearts and enriched spirits that we celebrate this Yuletide Season—The birth of our Saviour, Christ and Lord. It is the second celebration by this group of Believers since God in His infinite Wisdom has brought us together and given us the great opportunity of witnessing for Him in this field so "white unto harvest."

The road over which we have traveled for the past twelve months has not been one strewn with primroses and carnations, but rather one of those roads so well-known to the good "soldier of the Cross." We have battled with our common enemy—Satan, both within and without. But, praise the Lord! not one single battle has been lost, rather, we have been the victors through Jesus Christ the Lord in every engagement. In these victories there can be but one secret, and that secret is that God has been on our side, and He has gone before us and prepared the way for the success of a people who are given over to His blessed Will and Way.

We are happy today over the fact that during the year, not one of our members has died. In the wise providence of our Heavenly Father, He has deemed it best to let all of our number continue to abide with us since we met one year ago for our first celebration of the Nativity of Jesus.

We have made safe and satisfactory gains during the year—gains in every undertaking. In the financial matters of the church, we have prayed and continue to pray to God to put it into the minds and hearts of the people to meet the needs by generous giving. I am happy to tell you that all needs have been met. All obligations have been met on a current basis. We are not in debt. Our building fund is climbing all the time. This money, as you know, is placed in the bank for use in the construction of a building when conditions will permit.

The field in Kinston, and in the surrounding territory, is truly a field that is very needy. Approximately 10,000 people are without a vital knowledge of Christ. What a challenge this is to us. What a great opportunity this presents to us. The purpose of Christ's coming into the world over nineteen hundred years ago cannot be met in us unless we look on this field of ours, white and ready for the harvest, and resolve to do something about it to meet the challenge.

It is one thing to evangelize and quite another to train and equip people for the great task of serving their Master and Lord. Here then is another golden opportunity through the medium of our Church school, League, Joy Club, Auxiliary Society, of training and preparing those whom God may add to our number in the future, thus fitting them for better service in the Kingdom of our Lord. These matters must not be overlooked by us. It is this more abundant life that the first advent of Jesus presents to the world. We must not lose sight of this greater meaning of Christmas.

In the past we were a greatly misunderstoon people, and to some extent we still are misunderstood. We have no quarrel with our sister church here in Kinston, nor are we in competition with her. Neither are we in competition with the churches of other denominations. We simply believe that God has called us into a field of service, and that He is giving to us the great privilege of witnessing for Him, and the opportunity of training those whom He may add to the church. To this end we recognize our place and the responsibilities which are ours. Quietly let us go about the fulfillment of our mission, REMEMBERING that the Christ whose Birthday we celebrate today is the mighty compelling force within which motivates us in this greatest endeavor on earth.

As we turn our faces toward the future, and especially the coming year of 1944, may we be renewed in heart and mind and soul, and bravely "steel" ourselves as good soldiers of the Cross of Christ, and resolve within our hearts that we shall meet every challenge and opportunity as they present themselves to us, and endeavor to fully discharge our duties in a manner pleasing to the Christ we love and serve, born in Bethlehem, Judea, over nineteen hundred years ago, which nativity we celebrate today.

By a member of Bethel Church.

GOD'S WAY AND MINE

F. Watson Hannan, D. D.

I asked my Lord to lead me for a day,
I did not know or care what He might say;
So long as He would lead me, I'd agree
To follow paths I could or could not see,
Or try to carry loads I scarce could lift,
And move as He directed, slow or swift.
I would not murmur if the road was rough
Nor ask for more when He had given enough
To meet my simple needs, both few and small—
I'd be content and thankful in it all.

But when He bade me suffer and be still
I then rebelled against my Master's will,
And said I would not have Him for my guide,
Because His will ran counter to my pride.
And yet I suffered, suffered once again,
I asked for joy, He gave me only pain.
I chose to tread on petals, not on thorns;
I asked for rose-strewn pathways, sunny morns,
But through the thorns He led me up the hill.
I murmured at His "Suffer and be still"—
I could not grasp His meaning; I was prone
To ask Him for His way, but keep my own.

—In The Christian Sun

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

We thought it good to write to you again through the columns of the Baptist paper. Since we last reported, God has blessed us with a wonderful revival meeting at Hazel Creek Church, near Kirksville, Missouri. Brother A. O. Dobles is pastor of this church, and he is in full accord and sympathy with the National program. He is sponsoring it in his churches.

The dear people had been praying for months for a revival, and for the right one to come to hold the meeting. So, God sent us. He also sent Sister Franklin along, too. The Spirit of God was in full working power in the very beginning of the meeting. The first convert was a young school teacher, and also one of her boys was converted. Following them were several men and their wives who began to come unto the Lord. They came weeping as they left their seats to come to the altar. One evening a merchant's wife came crying out with a wail, and in a short time she was made happy in the Lord, and found her Saviour. The next morning, her husband came to deacon, Brother Harry Elkins, whom we were stopping with, to ask for prayer, but we were gone. In a short time a car drove up to the home where we were for lunch, and we could hear this man crying before he entered the house. He could hardly speak. He fell by a chair, and said that he had been in hell all night. Said he, "If real hell is worse than that, I do not want to go there." While in this home he was saved from his sins.

From that time on the revival began to be a real meeting. There were thirty-six converted and reclaimed. Eleven were baptized, and thirteen joined the church. During the last us during the meeting. We want to say again that Brother and Sister night of the meeting, six more were saved. We do want to praise the Lord for this good meeting.

This church has set aside one Sunday for missions, and one for Christian education. This church has a number of tithers. All the offerings were splendid. We thank God for sending Sister Franklin to be with Dobles are precious souls to work with. May the Lord greatly bless them in their work.

We are requesting the prayers of the Christian people for the work in North Missouri. Many of the churches need revivals. At the present we are with Sister Melba White, and her church near Hemple, Missouri. We shall be here for only a few days. One aged man has been saved up to this time in the meeting. We shall go from here to Texas, and will be there for at least a month after the Christmas holidays.

All those who wish to get in touch with me, can do so by writing to me at Huntsville, Texas, Box 43. Goodbye and may God bless everyone.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

Our Aid society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon, December 10, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Thelma Hollis. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The responsive reading was taken from the Second Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Then a Bible quiz was given by the president. A program was given with the title: Sharing the Shepherd's Joy. Several took part in this program.

Then the business was entered into with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which were approved, and the roll was called with ten members present, who answered to their names with Bible verses of scripture.

Activities

Dues collected	$2.80
Sale of furniture polish	1.25
Money raised to order Year Books	3.00
Money raised to buy adopted Orphanage child Christmas present	10.00
Total raised	$17.05
Total paid out	$13.00

We elected the following officers for the New Year 1944: Mrs. Blanche Woodard, president; Miss Amanda Armstrong, recording secretary; Mrs. Neva Brickhouse, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nancy Sawyer, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Morris, first vice-president; Mrs. Kathleen Sawyer, second vice-president; Mrs. Cora Armstrong, third vice-president; Mrs. Beatrice Brickhouse, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Sawyer, fifth vice-president; Mrs. Callie Swain, sixth vice-president.

After the meeting closed, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Kathleen Swain, Cor.-Secy.

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met on December 8, at the church with Mrs. Y. W. Eldridge in charge of the program. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. Mrs. Eldridge conducted the devotional services, and Mrs. Carl Warren made a talk on the power of Christians as leaders. Mrs. Annie McPhail made a talk on Every Christian a Herald. There were 101 chapters read in the Bible. Eight visits were made to the sick. Flowers were sent to five sick people. Sixty-six quarts of milk were given to the needy, and nine pounds of butter.

There were eight members present for the meeting, and one new member was added to the list of members.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

(See Women's Work on Page 10)

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

CONCERNING RECORDS AND REPORTS

Free Will Baptists have always done more good work than they have been given credit for by others or by themselves. But where incomplete records have been kept how can others know what we are doing.

I am calling upon all persons and organizations to keep accurate and up to date records of all work done. When a visitor comes to your church, do not allow such person to carry away any money ~~without~~ unless you get a receipt from such a person. Use this receipt to allow all the local church to know what has been done, the local church should have a record of what each of its members has done. The local church reports to the district association, the district association to the state association and the state to the National Association.

My plea is that every local church and all associations keep accurate records of all funds as well as what is being done. I am familiar with people and organizations who want the local church to handle all the money. Every church is an independent democratic body, governing its own affairs, but that church is responsible unto God to keep good records.

In most all the States most every local association has a field worker, and at the head of them is the state field worker. The State Boards work with the National Boards, and through this set up Free Will Baptists are organized so they can get information to and from the people.

Local church registers are poorly kept. The names of the dead and active members are on the same page. I have felt bad about so many I have seen. Others should be ashamed for not keeping better records. So, promise the Lord to make and keep better records from the individual to the local church members all the way to the National Statistician and on to Washington, D. C.

The Lord bless you while you do great things for HIM and then keep an accurate record of this work

In Him,

R. B. Crawford

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NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

WHERE? First Church, Kinston.

WHEN? January 17 through 28.

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WHAT DOES IT COST? Registration fee of one ($1.00) dollar from all students. Board and lodging cost will be told you by Rev. Bruce Barrow.

WHAT TO DO? Write Brother Barrow, and get a Student Application blank, and find out what board and room will be. FILL OUT THE BLANK HERE PRINTED (below), and send it at once to Brother Barrow, and tell him you will pay the reasonable amount he will charge.

We are grateful to the Kinston Church for the invitation to hold a session of the Institute with them. Brother J. C. Griffin says: "Kinston is pretty well in the center of the largest group of Free Will Baptists in our State." We are expecting a wonderful time with a large number in attendance. So, please make every effort to be there with a group from your church.

This is the first session of four offered. Address all communications to: Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Route One, LaGrange, North Carolina. The church is located in the 100th Block, North Independent Street, Kinston, North Carolina.

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Student's Application
For Admission to the Christian Workers' Institute

Name _____

Address _____ Age___
Give name of church of which you are a member _____

Are you a minister?_____
Of what church, or churches, are you now pastor? _____
If not a minister, for what phase of Christian work do you desire preparation? _____
Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute, or will your church assist you? _____
What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____
What amount, in excess of your registration fee ($1.00), are you forwarding with this application? $____

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In which session of the Institute do you desire to enroll. Give time and place _____
Please mail your application with one dollar ($1.00) registration fee to __

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Signed_____

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
State Association of N. C.

An Organized World

In last week's issue of the Baptist, under the caption "Six Pillars of Peace" by Harry Emerson Fosdick, the closing paragraph asserts that "Sooner or later that combined pull and push are going to force us to an internationally organized world."

In reply to Mr. Fosdick's article, I wish to say that no such organization can ever be perfected as long as

the vast majority of the inhabitants of the world reject the Lord Jesus as the Son of Almighty God. Men, evil men, Christ rejecting men, can never bring the blessing of peace. Atheistic, and communistic principles, compounded with a so-called "Christianity" that leaves out, or denies the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ, together with His Divinity, and His Vicarious suffering, His literal Resurrection and His Coming again can never organize the world so as to bring about working conditions for the betterment of man. Mr. Fosdick left God and His Son Jesus Christ out of the "Six Pillars of Peace." I fail to see a single reference to God and the Lord Jesus Christ in the whole article.

(P. S.—The writer of the above comment on "THE SIX PILLARS OF PEACE" would do well to study carefully the deeper meaning of the sixth paragraph of Dr. Fosdick's article.—Editor.)

Will There Ever Be Absolute Peace?

There is a great deal being said about "Post War Peace" by many who would be "peace-makers," who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. This "peace-talk" is spoken of by and through the wisdom of man. The Bible says, "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none" (Eze. 7: 25). "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with a child" (I Thess. 5: 3).

I am frank to say there never will be any peace upon this earth, until Jesus Christ shall establish "His Reign of Peace."

More About the Coming of the Lord

There are a goodly number of people in the world, and people who claim the name of Jesus, that is, they are classed as "Christians" who do not preach nor believe that the Lord Jesus will come again. I have known people to partake of the Lord's Supper who did not accept the words of Jesus when He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and receive you unto myself." Notwithstanding that the Lord's Supper or the "Sacrament" is commanded to be observed, until the return of the Lord. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11: 26).

Some More Signs

Along with war, which is one of the general signs of the return of the Lord, special signs are being seen by us all along. Some of these special signs are the "restlessness of men and women," as described by the Lord, when He said, "The sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Then shall they see the Son of Man coming in power and great glory" (Luke 21: 25-27). That 25th verse says there shall be "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring." The strikes; and this is certainly an awful thing for a man to do. Just think that a strike ties up vital war supplies and perhaps the tie up may be the means of the son of some striking father being lost, so long as the tie up prolongs the war. But strikes, racial hatred, riots, the overthrow of governments — anarchy — along with communism, and so many so-called Christian organizations that only have "a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." See the third chapter of Second Timothy for Paul's description of "wickedness in the last days." Read through the 13th verse. Then turn over and read the fourth chapter, and there you will find that Paul says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (verses 3-4). This scripture is being fulfilled every day. The old fashion Gospel that condemns sin and ungodliness is not wanted by the masses. Only a few people want sound doctrine. The world wants an easy way, a "Do what you please religion," and a "No hell" for the Christ haters, and sin loving individuals, who live after the dictates of their lusts as dominated by the DEVIL. Yes, all of these things tell me that "The end of the Gentile world powers is soon to close. Read Luke 21: 24.

The Church To Be Caught Up

Before the Lord comes in "power and great glory" to end up the Gentile world power, His church will be caught up and then the awful tribulation will come. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians says, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4: 16, 17). Again, he writes to the church at Corinth, "Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15: 23). Then the "foolish virgins" will run around trying to "purchase oil." That is, they will seek the "Holy Spirit" of which oil is an emblem.

Have You Ordered, Yet?

ORDERED WHAT? That copy of the YEAR BOOK FOR THE YEAR OF 1944. Did you notice what Mrs. J. E. Frazier wrote, as published in the December issue of the fifteenth? She headed her announcement with the words "READY FOR YOU—THE YEAR BOOK OF PROGRAMS." She closed the article with these words, "Order from W. N. A. C., Literature Department, 1624 E. Cahal Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee." The Year Books are 25 cents per copy. If you have not ordered you are subject to miss the first lesson. Better order at once.

What Did You Do?

What did you do on Christmas? Did you honor the Christ by worshipping Him? What did you do? Did you serve the devil? Did you eat and drink to the joy of the devil and his host? Well, God knows. What did you do and say on Christmas?

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I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25, 26.

WOMEN'S WORK

SANDY PLAIN AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Kennedy on December 11, 1943. The meeting was opened with song, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Joel Kennedy. The scripture reading was taken from Luke 2: 10; I Jon. 2: 2; Rom. 8: 32. The lesson was read and discussed. We had a special song, after which Mrs. Willie Smith brought us a very good story on the birth of Christ.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with seven members prsent and three visitors. The dues amounted to $5.46, and Sunday eggs, $3.05. Since last meeting 115 chapters were read in the Bible, 25 sick visits were made, 3 hospital calls made and 103 gospel tracts given away .

It was moved and carried that we send to Rev. Rashie Kennedy $10.00 and to Mrs. John Rhodes $5.00. We planned to give a family in need a pounding for Christmas. The business over, we had a song and were dismissed in a word of prayer by Mrs. William Thigpen. After the benediction, a Christmas tree was enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Yearly Report of Our Society

No. of members	13
Average attendance	7
Chapters read	1359
Sick visits made	293
Milk given away (Gal.)	6
Trays taken to the sick	57
Funeral designs	7
Hospital calls	15

Financial Statement

Dues received	$ 29.00
Offerings	36.50
Sunday eggs, beginning in April	34.95
Received for Christian Education	10.00
Total received	$110.45

Disbursements

To Mrs. John Rhodes	$ 4.66
For flavoring	2.00
For year books	4.72
Paid on rubber runner in the church	6.73
Home and foreign missions	12.50
Funeral design	5.00
To conventions	4.60
Envelopes for week of prayer	2.50
To Bible School on piano and library	10.00
Orphanage	15.00
Mrs. Lee Whaley on tracts	1.00
Mrs. William Thigpen on hospital bill	10.00
Postage	109
Rev. Rashie Kennedy for education	25.00
Total disbursed	$104.80
In treasury now	$ 5.65

Mrs. William Thigpen, Pres.
Mrs. Coy Sumner, Secy.-Treas.

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
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Missionary Lessons from the Bible (Aulck)	$ .35
Stewardship Parables of Jesus (Roswell C. Long)	$ .50
Studies in Christian Stewardship	$ .30
How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

LEADERS

Some leaders lead too far ahead,
High-visioned, unafraid;
Yet, ages after they are dead,
We tread the paths they made.

Some leaders lead too far behind,
Nor seem to keep the track,
Yet they bring on the deaf and blind,
Who else would hold us back.

And some seem not to lead at all,
Slow moving on the way,
Yet help the weary feet and small
Of those who else would stray.

Lead on, O leaders of the race!
Your work is long and wide;
We need your help in every place—
Before, behind, beside.

—Anon.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb. 4: 9.

Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's nobler rest above;
To this our longing souls aspire
With ardent pangs of strong desire.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4: 1.

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They that know thy name will put their trust in thee. Psa. 9: 10.

The men that know thy name will trust
In thine abundant grace;
For thou hast ne'er forsook the just,
That humbly seek thy face.

It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good. I Sam. 3: 18.

God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thess. 5: 9.

Be all my heart and all my days
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

Rejoice evermore. I Thess. 5: 16.

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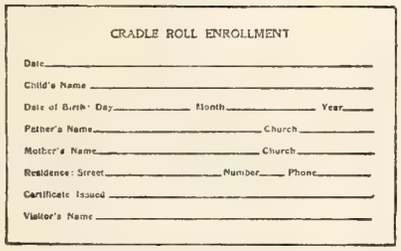
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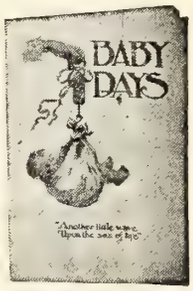

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JESUS BUSY WITH HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE

(Lesson for January 9)

Lesson: Mark 1: 32-45.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9: 4).

The key word of our present text is the imperative **"Must"**! Put the emphasis on that word, and the life, ministry and sacrifice of Jesus will begin to form a pattern that the intelligent student can comprehend.

There are many servants of God in our own day and time who feel that it is a worthy thing to serve God, or some might even go so far as to say that it was a pleasure, a duty, or a real delight. But how many of us can truthfully say, "I must work the works of Him" and really mean it? From the moment of His incarnation to the time of His ascension, Jesus never had a thought or a desire that was contrary to the will of God. He came to this earth to accomplish a task and to carry out a program that had been decided upon in every detail before the earth was formed and before man was created. At no time in His earthly life did Jesus ever have to pause to learn the will of God for that occasion, He was born knowing it. Our Lord never had to think His way through problems and situations such as would confuse us, and at no time was He forced to arrive at a decision concerning His proper conduct. Before the earth was created and the long somber history of sin began, there was a council in Heaven, at which God the Triune Being settled the plans and the details of a program of redemption. When one of the Persons of the Godhead laid aside His glory and took upon Himself the flesh of a man, He did not separate Himself from the memory of that council.

"Out of the ivory palaces,
Into a world of woe,
Only His great, eternal love
Made my Saviour go!"

II. Home Work.

1. Whom did Jesus command to tell of his deliverance from the devil's power? (Mk. 5: 18-20).

2. How did the testimony of an evil spirit affect the Apostle Paul? (Acts 16: 16-18).

3. Where did Jesus tell us to go for prayer? (Mat. 6: 6).

4. What was the testimony of demons about Jesus? (Mk. 5: 7).

5. What time of the day is the best for prayer? (Mk. 1: 35; Gen. 19: 27; 28: 18; Exo. 24: 4; Ps. 5: 3).

6. How many times a day have some men prayed? (Ps. 55: 17; Dan. 6: 10).

7. What particular spiritual ministry did Jesus have on earth? (Is. 61: 1, 2; Lu. 4: 19; Mk. 1: 38, 39).

8. What was the theme of the preaching of Jesus? (Mk. 1: 14, 15; Mat. 4: 17; Mk. 2: 2).

9. What testimony would the cleansing of a leper be concerning the Lord Jesus? (Mk. 1: 44; Lev. 14: 2-20).

10. Was it right for the healed man to disobey Christ's command to tell no man about it? (Mk. 1: 44, 45).

(See the comment on these two verses in our **Senior Quarterly**, please.)

III. Sentence Sermons.

1. The impending night of judgment should impel us to bring yet many sin-sick souls to Christ (Mk. 1: 32).

2. The Lord Jesus never approved of the devil's advertisements of Him (vs. 34).

6. The loathsome sinner cannot make demands of the Lord, but should humbly beseech Him for mercy (vs. 40).

3. The solitary place and the early morning hour are a fine combination for prayer (vs. 35).

4. Do we know how to lead seekers to Christ as Simon did? (Vss. 36, 37).

5. Prayer and preaching are the best propaganda and promotion in the Lord's work (vss. 38, 39).

7. The touch of Jesus' hand is soothing, healing and cleansing (vs. 41).

8. The experience of salvation is instantaeous; the evidence of it may be cumulative (vs. 42).

9. The examination by the priest was conclusive proof of the leper's actual cure (vs. 44).

10. Even unwise publicity may lead some to seek Christ (vs. 45).

IV. One Great Lesson Truth

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed, verse 35. Here we have the case in which Jesus arose early in the morning, "great while before day," that he might go out alone to pray to God. Although he had labored hard on the previous day and late in the evening, teaching the people and healing the diseased and casting out evil spirits, Jesus felt the need of rising early and going to a solitary place to commune with God. This is a lesson for us that we should not let any previous day's labor, however great or successful it might have been, lead us into slackness for the succeeding day's tasks.

—Advanced Quarterly.

The important verse in our lesson is Mark 1: 35, for here we learn the **secret of Christ's power.** We have only to turn over the pages of the Gospels and note, as we go, the similar allusions, and we feel we have here, what is in fact, an incidental glimpse into the habitual practice of our Lord's secret life. In the above passage we read, He "departed into a solitary place, and there **prayed.**" In another we are told He "departed into a mountain to **pray**" (6: 46).

Luke tells us of an occasion when "He continued all night in **prayer to God**" (6: 12). This secret, separate life of prayer was His **habitual spiritual food.** It was thus our Lord renewed His moral and spiritual forces. Without prayer even our Lord in His humanity, would have been helpless. The sins, sorrows and sufferings of mankind would have crushed His spirit. If One so mighty, so richly, endowed with spiritual power, should find it necessary for Himself to pray to refresh His wearied Spirit, what shall we say of our **own lives**?

—Selected.

"I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed: 'O Lord, bless everyone;
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again.'
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me,
Yet once again when day was done,
I prayed, 'O Lord, bless everyone.'
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a Voice which whispered clear:
'Pause, hypocrite, before you pray;
Whom have you tried to bless to-day?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below.'
And then I hid my face and cried,
'Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me but live another day,
And I will live the way I pray!"

—Publisher Unknown.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with People's Chapel in Wilson County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1943. After the devotions were over, the organization of the union was perfected for business as follows: Temperance, Sunday School, Finance, Devotions, and Appropriation committees were appointed. The Orphanage Committee is standing committee.

The list of ministers was called, and those present were J. B. Ferrell, J. F. Parrish, J. C. Varnell, and D. Bissette. The minutes of the last union were read and approved. Then we called off for fifteen minutes intermission. The union sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Varnell, after which the union adjourned for lunch. A nice dinner was spread on the church grounds in picnic style. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The afternoon session began at two o'clock. The devotions were conducted by Elder Bissette. Then the Moderator called the business to order, and the list of churches was called. Twelve churches responded with delegates and contributions to the amount of $28.50. The various committees then made their reports, which were accepted. The officers were elected as follows: Z. C. Bissette, Moderator; J. Frank Parrish, Clerk; Mrs. N. E. Strickland, Orphanage Committee; J. B. Ferrell, treasurer; Mrs. N. E. Strickland, and Z. C. Bissette, Program Committee. I. W. Jernigan was appointed to represent the union stock in the Finance Association, incorporated. The treasurer reported that he had received $28.50 and that he had paid that same amount to the following: To the Orphanage, deceased ministers wives, and for incidental expenses.

The petitions for the next union were taken up and it was voted to go to Barnes' Hill Church in Nash County near Sandy Cross, in January. The union then closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk
Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School convention of the Eastern South Carolina Conference convened with William's Hill Church near Hemingway on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1943. The devotional services were led by Superintendent M. F. Howell. The welcome address was made by J. G. Williams, and the response was by a visiting superintendent.

The business of the convention began and temporary committees were appointed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The various Sunday Schools made their reports. The offerings sent in amounted to $166.59. The sermon was delivered by Rev. N. N. Davis. The field work was reported, and the convention called for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with song and prayer. A program was rendered by the local church. The Finance Committee made their report. They had left in the treasury, after all expenses had been paid, $216.75, which they recommended should be invested in War Bonds. The host pastor then made a few remarks.

The next convention will be held with Little Bethel Church. A motion was made that we take pledges for the Orphanage Building Fund, and $205 were pledged. This will be turned in at the fall session of the convention. We extended thanks to the William's Hill Church and community for their kind hospitality shown this Sunday School convention. The convention was then adjourned to meet again on Saturday, April the first, 1944, with Little Bethel Church, Hemingway, South Carolina.

Mrs. H. C. Simmons,
Recording Secretary.

GOD'S GOODNESS

Filled with good, I'm God's own child,
Gentle, loving, meet and mild.

Health and strength, my day shall bless,
And fill my life with righteousness.

I seek all friends, to do my best,
And hope they know to do what's best.

God's our guide, and still will e'er be,
He's our best, and All for us to see.

The thoughts I think, the words to say,
Are seeds of kindness sown each day.

For the Christmas Day to all should be
That we should still thank our God for all we see.

For all things are God's grace He sent,
And the good things to us He has lent.

—A. A. Ward

Boys and Girls Corner

THE BABY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

When Jesus was born in the manger, the shepherds and Wise-men came to see Him.

Many other people were looking for a King and Saviour to be born, but they did not know just when He would come. One of these was an old man named Simeon, who lived in the temple and took care of it.

Simeon had been a good man all his life. He had loved and trusted God for many years, and God had promised him that, before he died, he would see Jesus.

Simeon had no idea when this would be, but he was as sure as could be that it would happen, for God had told him it would.

When the little baby Jesus was only forty days old, Joseph and Mary took Him from their home up to Jerusalem to the temple.

In those days, when little babies were a month old, their fathers and mothers always took them to the temple and offered sacrifices for them.

Near the temple was a man selling doves, so Joseph and Mary stopped and bought two beautiful white doves to give as an offering for their baby boy.

There were other mothers with little babies ahead of Mary, but presently it came time for her to take her baby and the offering up to the altar. When she went forward, the old man Simeon took the little one from her arms.

God had told him in some way that we do not know anything about, that this was His Son, and Simeon, the old man who had been waiting so long just for one look at the face of God's Son, was glad.

These are the words he said as he held the baby Jesus in his arms:

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
In peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel."

Joseph and Mary wondered at what they heard. They did not understand all that he said about what their baby was to do. But they did know this much, that He was to be different from any one else.

Then Joseph and Mary took Jesus and returned to their home.

—Bible Stories

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

GASKILL. Norman Gaskill, son of the late Thomas and Fannie Gaskill of Sea Level, N. C., was born July 25, 1874, and died of paralysis on October 15, 1943. On July 2, 1902 he was married to Miss Leola B. Mason, unto which union was born three sons: Attorney Julian T. Gaskill, Goldsboro, N. C., Lt. Norman E. Gaskill, Camp Bowie, Texas, and Jesse G. Gaskill of Sea Level, N. C. Revs. Randall Bennett, and Louis W. Haymon conducted the funeral.

It is of his work in the church I wish to pay tribute. At the age of 22, he became a charter member of Free Union F. W. B. Church, serving loyally and faithfully as Church Clerk for 47 years. Always he had the interest of the church definitely on his heart. At the time of the construction of our present church edifice, he gave sixty-seven days free labor as a carpenter along with liberal financial contributions. When ever possible, he was present at all church services and conferences with a two-fold purpose: to worship God, and to encourage the establishing of his kingdom here in the world. When it was necessary to do menial tasks such as installing heating systems, maintenance work to the building, or soliciting funds, he recognized this as part of a great plan and into it he put the best he had. He was his pastor's friend, always ready and willing to cooperate in putting on programs for the betterment of his community.

Being a dutiful son, a loyal husband, a tender affectionate father, his life was an asset to his community. In his passing, a life of sacrificial service has ended; a life we shall miss; but life is richer for us, because we have known and associated with him and claimed his love and friendship.

To this veteran of the cross who lived a long and useful life, sunset has become sunrise; the end of life's crowded day has become the portals of life eternal. Henceforth he is the recipient of a crown of righteousness.

By his Nephew,
Sgt. Eugene L. Gaskill

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MIMS. It was the pleasure of our heavenly Father to call from this life Little Franklin Delona Mims on November 13, 1943. He was born November 11, 1932.

Franklin was a bright, sweet child who was a favorite in the home, and in school. His Teacher and school mates were all grived at his passing, as well as his dear mother and father, sisters and brothers. We know your burden is great. We would help you bear it if we could. Look up to Jesus. He is your all in all. He has promised to be with you and not forsake you. We feel sure he is basking in the sunlight of our blessed Saviour. His being there makes heaven seem nearer and dearer to us all.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs E. R. Mims, Haleburg, Ala.; His grand mother, Mrs. Amanda Mims, Colquitt, Ga.; three Brothers and four sisters, besides several uncles and aunts, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in Union Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Scott Driggers of Blakely, Ga., and assisted by Rev. J. A. Griffin of Abbeville, Alabama.

His remains were laid to rest in Union Cemetery, beneath a great mound of beautiful flowers, that proved we all loved Franklin and the family.

Linnie J. Stokes,
Abbeville, Ala.

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HARPER. Mrs. Minnie B. Harper age 52, of Roanoke Rapids, formerly of Franklinton, died early Wednesday morning, Dec. 1, at Duke Hospital in Durham.

She was a member of Peoples Chapel for a number of years, and we mourn her absense.

Surviving are her husband, J. L. Harper; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Lorren of Newport News, Va., Mrs. J. O. Pearce, and Mrs. W. W. Broock of Florence, S. C.

Funeral services were held from the Franklinton Methodist Church by Rev. Bunn Ferrell of Elm City, assisted by Rev. S. E. Mercer of Franklinton. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Franklinton, North Carolina.

Ruth Winstead,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish

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GASKILL. David J. Gaskill son of the late Thomas and Fannie Gaskill of Sea Level, N. C., was born February 6, 1883 and died of Paralysis July 29, 1943. On February 18, 1904 he was married to Miss Virginia E. Mason, unto which union was born six children, Mrs. Joseph Salter, Delmas and Lester Gaskill of Sea Level, N. C. and James and Horace Gaskill of Norfolk, Va. Rev. L. H. Wetherington a former pastor conducted the funeral.

Twenty-nine years ago he united with Free Union F. W. B. Church and was a deacon at the time of his death. He was a friendly, congenial soul and to know him was to love him. A boat Captain by vocation, he was the type of man a crew respected and enjoyed having as their "Skipper." In dealing with others, honesty was his policy, and his life was a blessing to community and his church. Being a devoted and affectionate father, self-denial was a virtue of his, in order that his family might enjoy the comforts of life. His happiness came from doing the little things for others. Of his wife he was most considerate, many times helping her with the family chores. Though deeply saddened by his going, the memory of association with him will continue to live in our lives. His faith in God brought peace, his kindness to others brought joy, his cheerful disposition and patience brought faith and comfort to us all.

To him who loved and lived for others, with the bays and sounds his secret hideaway, *"Crossing the Bar"* brings life eternal and entrance into the portals of the City whose ruler and maker is God.

By his Nephew,
Sgt. Eugene L. Gaskill

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TAYLOR. Where as God, in His most infinite wisdom, saw fit to call from us our dearly beloved member, Miss Janet Taylor, we the Ladies Aid of Sidney Church do hereby resolve:

FIRST, That we bow in humble submission to His most Holy will;

SECOND, That in losing Miss Jennie, a place in our Aid is made ever vacant, because as long as her health permitted she was always present and never complained of doing her part.

THIRD, That our deepest sympathy goes out to her bereaved family. We point them to Jesus for comfort; and

FOURTH, That a copy of these resolutions be retained on the minutes of our Aid ledger, and a copy be sent to the Baptist for publication.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, *Pres.*,
Miss Margie Daw, *Secy.*

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WHITLEY. Whereas God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to take from us our dearly beloved member, Mrs. Myrtle Whitley, we the members of the Sidney Ladies Aid do hereby resolve:

FIRST, That we bow in humble submission to His most holy will;

SECOND, That in losing Mrs. Whitley our Aid sustained a great loss, not only in fellowship and love, but a figure of faith and devotion to the Great Father. Although she was not a member of our denomination, she gave us her best and inspired us to a greater faith in the Lord Jesus;

THIRD, That our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her bereaved family. May they ever find comfort in the Lord whom she worshiped and adored; and

FOURTH, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist for publication, a copy be retained on the minutes of our Aid ledger, and copies be sent to members of her family.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, *Pres.*,
Miss Margie Daw, *Secy.*

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WELLONS, Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved member, friend and co-worker, John F. Wellons, we the church and Sunday School at Micro, do hereby resolve:

FIRST, That we bow in humble submission to the most holy will of our Father who doeth all things well;

SECOND, That our sympathy and prayers go out to his bereaved family. May they take their burdens to the Lord in whom he had supreme faith, and find comfort; and

THIRD, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, a copy to the members of the family, and a copy be reserved in the minutes of our church ledger.

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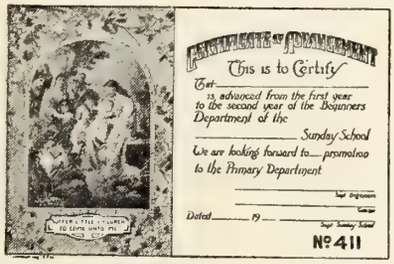

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We desire to report the three week's revival campaign which was just closed at the First Free Will Baptist Church, East Branch, at Stephenson Highway, Hazel Park, Detroit, Michigan.

This proved to have been the best revival in the history of the church, with fifty-seven souls saved, several added to the church, and a number baptized.

With evangelists, Rev. and Mrs. Homer E. Willis, of Oswosso, Michigan, who have done much of their work in Virginia, and in Kentucky, did the preaching. Mrs. Willis conducted a revival especially for the young people at 6:30 each evening. She brought many wonderful spirit-filled messages along with her "felt-o-graph" scenes.

Reverend Willis brought the evangelistic messages each evening at 8:30 P. M. Many and various churches helped in this great soul-stirring campaign, including the Free Methodist, the Church of the Nazarine, other Free Will Baptist churches of the city, the Church of God, the Pilgrim Church, the Missionary Baptist, and many others.

The Sunday School superintendent, Bill Gates, led the singing in these services, assisted by the Hazel Park Quartette, and many other special quartetts and solo singers.

The reverend E. L. Hall is pastor of this church and may be heard each Wednesday evening at 10:05 to 11:00 P. M. over Radio Station W. E. X. L., Royal Oak, Michigan.

Truly, we thank God for our pastor, our church which is on fire for God, and for the evangelists who came our way. May God let them return very soon.

Bill Gates

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